

Finn's Big Ocean Census

Learning objective: To understand the concept of population by counting groups of people and creatures in different places.

Finn the dolphin is visiting different places to see who lives there. Help Finn sort the groups! Look at each place below and count how many characters are there. Then, decide if the place has a 'small population' (very few people or animals) or a 'large population' (lots of people or animals). Draw a line to match the scene to the correct label.

Word bank: Small population · Large population · Counting · Groups · Places

1. 1. Finn sees 2 crabs on a quiet beach. Is this a small or large population? (2 marks)

2. 2. Finn sees 20 fish swimming together in a school. Is this a small or large population? (2 marks)

3. 3. If a park has 3 people, and a busy city has 100 people, which place has the larger population? (2 marks)

4. 4. Why do you think fish like to swim in a large group instead of alone? (2 marks)

5. 5. If you invite 5 friends to your party, does your house have a small or large population of people? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'small population' of birds in a tree and a 'large population' of bees near a flower patch.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Finn. If you had £5 to buy a snack for every friend in a small population of 3 dolphins, how much would you spend if each snack cost £1? How many snacks would you need if the population grew to 6?