

Finn's Settlement Explorer Fact-File

Learning objective: To identify and describe the characteristics of different types of settlements, including villages, towns, and cities.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the land! Use this fact-file to research and describe a settlement you are familiar with. You can choose a small village, a busy town, or a large city. Fill in each box to show what makes your chosen place special.

Word bank: settlement · population · infrastructure · land use · services · urban · rural · transport · community

1. Location and Name: What is the name of the settlement you have chosen, and where in the UK is it located? Describe its general surroundings. (2 marks)

2. Settlement Type: Is your chosen place a village, a town, or a city? Explain why you have classified it as this type using evidence like size or population. (3 marks)

3. Key Land Use: What are the buildings in this settlement mostly used for? Think about houses, shops, schools, parks, or factories. (2 marks)

4. Transport Links: How do people travel in and out of this settlement? Mention roads, railways, or any other ways people move around. (2 marks)

5. Community Services: What services are available for the people living there? For example, think about where they go to buy food, seek medical help, or spend their leisure time. (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an urban planner. If you could add one new feature to your chosen settlement to make it better for the people living there, what would it be and why?