

Mapping Our Settlements

Learning objective: To describe and explain why settlements are located in specific places, using geographical vocabulary.

Use this scaffold to write a report about a settlement you have studied or imagined. Use the questions to help you structure your paragraphs, and remember to use the word bank to connect your ideas.

Finn the dolphin has been exploring the coastline and has discovered a fascinating settlement built right where the river meets the sea.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · situated · natural resources · transport links · in addition · terrain · because · therefore · however

1. Introduction: Where is the settlement located and what type of settlement is it (e.g., village, town, or city)? Start by saying: This settlement is located... (2 marks)

2. Physical Geography: What natural features are nearby that might have helped people settle here? Consider water sources, flat land, or protection. Start by saying: The land here is useful because... (3 marks)

3. Human Geography: How do people travel to and from the settlement, and what jobs might they have? Start by saying: People rely on transport links like... (3 marks)

4. Comparing Settlements: How is this place different from where you live? Start by saying: In comparison to my home, this settlement... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Why do you think this settlement has grown over time? Start by saying: In conclusion, this place is a successful settlement because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine a new, secret settlement. Write a short paragraph explaining why someone would choose to build a house there, considering the climate and the resources available.