

Finn's Global Population Fact-File

Learning objective: To understand how population size and distribution affect human settlement and land use.

Join Finn the dolphin on his global journey! Use this fact-file to investigate how different areas of the world have different population densities. You will need to research or use your geography books to find a densely populated city and a sparsely populated rural area to compare.

Word bank: population · density · urban · rural · settlement · resources · infrastructure · migration · overcrowded · isolated

1. Urban Area Profile: Name a major city and describe what the population is like there. Is it crowded? Why do you think so many people live in this specific location? (3 marks)

2. Rural Area Profile: Name a sparsely populated area (such as a remote village or mountain region). Explain why fewer people might choose to live in this location compared to a city. (3 marks)

3. Resource Comparison: Compare the infrastructure (like schools, hospitals, and transport) in the urban area versus the rural area you chose. How does the population size affect these services? (4 marks)

4. Human Impact: How might a large, growing population change the local landscape? Think about housing, roads, and green spaces. (3 marks)

5. Population Mystery: If you were planning a new town, would you want it to be urban or rural? Give two geographical reasons for your choice. (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine a town where the population has doubled in one year. Write a short paragraph explaining the challenges the local council might face and one clever solution to help the community.