

Grade 3 Geography Assessment: Settlements and Land Use

Learning objective: To demonstrate knowledge of human settlements, land use, and the factors that influence where people choose to live.

Read each question carefully. Use your geographical vocabulary to explain your answers clearly. Write in full sentences where required.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the coastal regions and inland towns. He has noticed that some settlements are small villages nestled in the hills, while others are bustling cities with tall buildings and complex road networks. Max the monkey has been busy calculating the population density in these areas, noting how human activity changes the landscape to suit our needs.

Word bank: urban · rural · settlement · infrastructure · resources · trade · population · land use · agriculture · industry

1. Define the term 'settlement' and provide one example of a human settlement. (2 marks)

2. List two common features you would expect to find in an urban settlement that might not be present in a rural village. (2 marks)

3. Explain why many early settlements were built near rivers. Use the word 'trade' in your answer. (3 marks)

4. Compare and contrast the land use of a farming village with that of a large city center. (4 marks)

5. Justify your answer: Why might a family choose to move from a busy urban city to a quiet rural village? Consider the impact on their daily life. (4 marks)

6. Look at the following scenario: A new, large factory is built on the edge of a small village. Predict two potential changes to the village's infrastructure or environment. (5 marks)

7. If a government were planning a brand new town, identify two essential resources or services they must provide for the residents and explain why they are necessary. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a labelled sketch map showing the difference between a rural area (with fields and farms) and an urban area (with housing, shops, and roads).



Extension challenge: Imagine you are an urban planner. Write a short persuasive paragraph justifying where you would place a new school in a growing town and why. Consider the needs of the community and access to transport. Total: /25