

Year 4 Geography: Understanding Population

Learning objective: To identify why people live in different places and understand the meaning of population.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank if you need help. Write your answers on the lines provided.

Finn the dolphin loves to travel the world. He notices that some places have lots of people living close together. Other places have very few people. The number of people living in one place is called the population. Some people live in busy cities, while others live in quiet villages.

Word bank: Population · City · Village · Rural · Urban · Jobs · Services

1. What does the word 'population' mean? (2 marks)

2. Circle the word that describes a place with many buildings and people: Rural or Urban. (1 mark)

3. List two reasons why a person might choose to live in a big city instead of a small village. (4 marks)

4. Look at these two places. Which one do you think has a larger population? A: A small farm with one house. B: A large town with a school, shops, and a train station. Explain why. (4 marks)

5. Imagine you are planning a new town. Write 5 sentences explaining where you would build it and what you would put there to make people want to live in your town. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a busy city with tall buildings and many people, and a quiet village with fewer houses and more trees.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Think about the shops in your town. If a shop sells a toy for £5.00 and a book for £3.00, how much would they cost together? Why do shops need a large population nearby to stay open?