

Exploring Settlements with Finn the Dolphin

Learning objective: To describe and explain the reasons for the location and growth of human settlements.

Use this writing scaffold to help you write a report about a chosen settlement. Follow the paragraph prompts to structure your ideas, using the word bank to link your sentences together. Remember to explain 'why' a settlement grew in a specific place.

A settlement is a place where people live, build homes, and form communities, ranging from tiny hamlets to bustling cities.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · due to · in addition to · strategically located · natural resources · transport links · on the other hand · prosperous · inhabitants

1. Introduction: Define your chosen settlement and state where it is located. Start with: My chosen settlement is... (2 marks)

2. Physical Geography: Explain why the location was chosen. Think about water sources, flat land, or protection. Start with: The site was chosen because... (3 marks)

3. Human Geography: Describe how people use the land and what jobs they might have. Start with: The inhabitants primarily work in... (3 marks)

4. Transport and Trade: Explain how the settlement connects to others (roads, rivers, or railways). Start with: Transport links are vital for this settlement as... (3 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise how the settlement has changed over time. Start with: Over the years, the settlement has developed by... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a settlement that has grown significantly in the last 50 years. List three reasons why you think its population has increased so rapidly, using the phrase 'economic growth' in your explanation.