Settlement Superstars: Geography Flashcards

Learning objective: To identify and define key terms related to human settlements, including site, situation, and land use.

Use these flashcards to test your knowledge of settlements. Finn the dolphin has been mapping the coastlines and needs your help to identify how and why humans choose where to live!

What is a Settlement?

A place where people live and build their homes, which can range from a single house to a large city.

What is the difference between a Rural and an Urban settlement?

A rural settlement is in the countryside, such as a village or farm, while an urban settlement is a built-up area like a town or city.

What does 'Site' mean in geography?

The actual piece of land upon which a settlement is built, considering things like the type of soil or access to water.

What is a 'Situation' in geography?

The position of a settlement in relation to its surrounding features, such as nearby mountains, rivers, or other towns.

What is a Conurbation?

A massive urban area formed when several towns and cities grow and merge together into one continuous built-up area.

What is meant by 'Land Use'?

How the land in a settlement is utilised by people, such as for housing (residential), shops (commercial), or factories (industrial).

What is Infrastructure?

The basic physical systems of a settlement, including roads, bridges, water supply, and electricity grids that allow it to function.

What is Population Density?

The measurement of how many people live in a specific area, usually calculated per square kilometre.

Define a 'Hamlet'.

A very small settlement, usually smaller than a village, often having few or no services like shops or schools.

Why might a settlement be built near a river?

Historically, rivers provided fresh water, a method of transport for trade, and a power source for early mills.

What is a 'Brownfield site'?

Land that has been built on before and is now being redeveloped for new housing or commercial use.

What is a 'Greenfield site'?

An area of open land in a rural area that has not been built on previously and is being considered for new development.