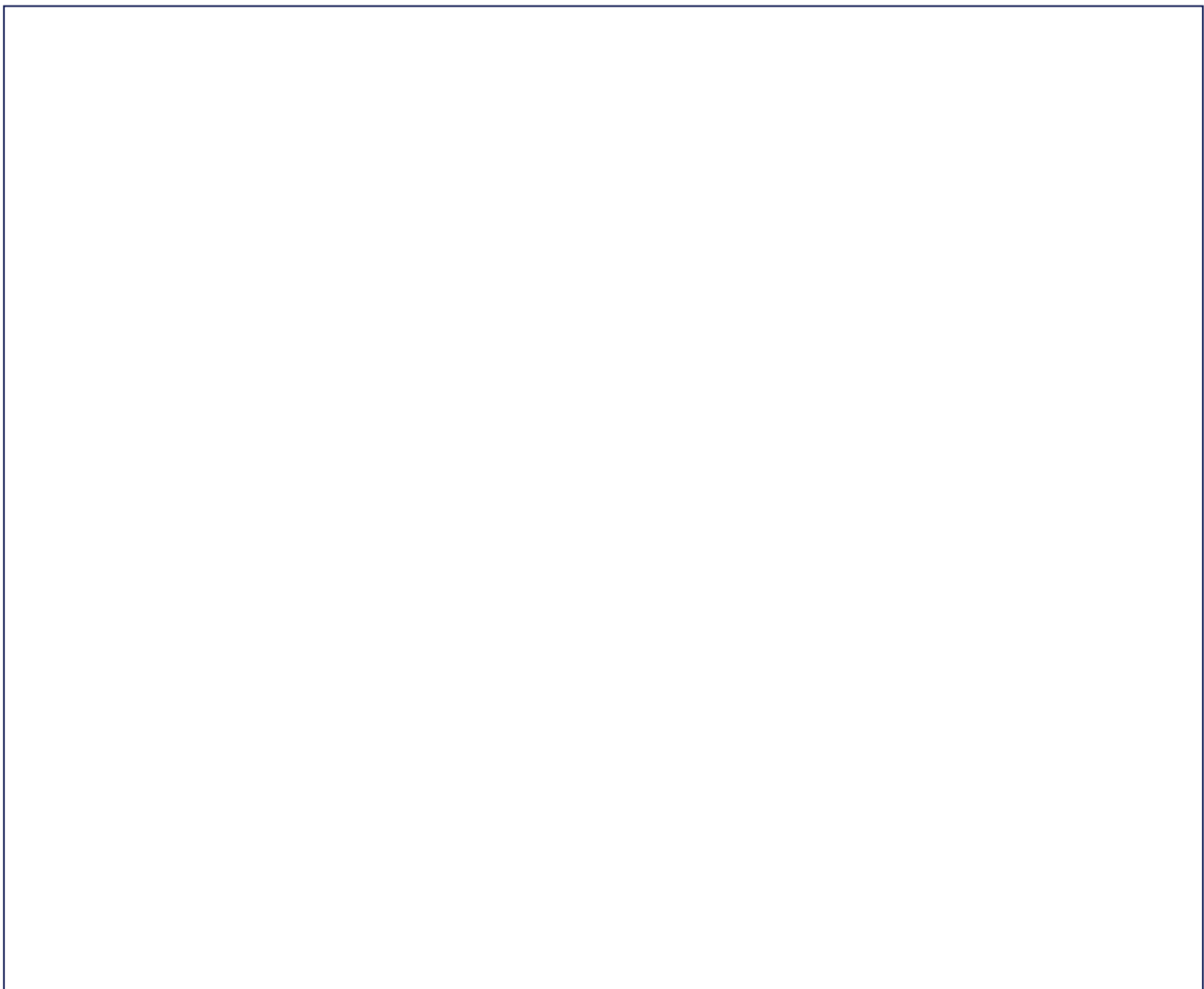


Mapping Our Human Geography: Population Patterns

Learning objective: To understand population density and the factors that influence where people choose to settle.

Use this sheet to illustrate a comparison between a densely populated urban environment and a sparsely populated rural settlement. Use the labels provided to annotate your drawings and demonstrate your understanding of human geography.

Draw: Draw a split-screen illustration. On the left, draw a bustling urban city scene with tall buildings, busy roads, and many tiny figures representing a high population density. On the right, draw a serene rural landscape with a few scattered cottages, open fields, and forests representing a low population density. Use clear lines and labels to highlight the infrastructure differences.



Label words: Urbanisation · Rural · Population Density · Infrastructure · Settlement · Migration · Resources

Steps:

1. Explain why population density is often higher in areas with access to major transport links like rivers or motorways.
2. Compare and contrast the typical infrastructure found in a high-density urban area versus a low-density rural village.

3. Justify your answer: If a new hospital and train station were built in a remote, sparsely populated valley, what might happen to the local population size over time?
4. Label your drawing to show where 'urbanisation' is occurring. Explain why this happens in your own words.
5. What might happen if a large city grew too quickly without proper planning for water, electricity, and housing?
6. Identify one physical feature (e.g., mountains, rivers, climate) that might prevent a large population from settling in a specific region.