

Exploring Our World: A Guide to Population

Join Finn the Dolphin on a global adventure—where do we all live and why?

- **Population density** describes how crowded a place is. Areas with high density, such as London, have many people living in a small area.
- **Physical geography**, such as the availability of fresh water and fertile soil, has historically determined where major civilisations began.
- **Climate** is a major factor in settlement; humans generally prefer temperate zones over extreme environments like scorching deserts or freezing polar regions.
- **Urbanisation** is the process where more people move from the countryside to live in towns and cities, often in search of employment and better services.
- **Infrastructure**, including road networks, hospitals, and schools, is essential for supporting large populations in modern cities.

Did you know? Did you know? While over half of the world's population lives in urban areas today, this is a very recent change in human history. Just over 100 years ago, the vast majority of people lived in rural communities, working primarily in agriculture!

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