

Geography Assessment: Where We Live

Learning objective: To understand why settlements are built in different places and how they grow.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you spell tricky words. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Finn the dolphin has been exploring the land near the coast. He has seen many places where people live. Some are small villages in the countryside, and others are big, busy towns. People choose where to live based on what they need, like water, food, and ways to travel.

Word bank: settlement · river · shelter · transport · trade · resources · urban · rural

1. 1. What is the name for a place where a group of people build their homes and live? (1 mark) (1 mark)

2. 2. Why was it important for early settlements to be built near a river? Give two reasons. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. 3. Look at the words 'urban' and 'rural'. Which one describes a small village in the countryside? (1 mark) (1 mark)

4. 4. Finn sees a shop selling goods. Why do settlements need shops and markets? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. 5. Think about your own local area. Name one building or place that helps people in your town or village. Why is it useful? (3 marks) (3 marks)

6. 6. Imagine you are building a new settlement. You have £500 to spend on one important thing to help the people. Will you build a bridge, a school, or a well? Explain why your choice is the most important for the people living there. (5 marks) (5 marks)

7. 7. How does good transport (like roads or railways) help a settlement grow into a big town? (3 marks) (3 marks)

8. 8. List three natural resources that might make a person want to settle in a specific area. (3 marks) (3 marks)

9. 9. True or False: All settlements are built in the exact same way. (1 mark) (1 mark)

10. 10. Describe one way a park or green space makes a town a better place to live. (4 marks) (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a map of a small village. Make sure to include a river, three houses, and a shop.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Imagine you are planning a town of the future. Write a short paragraph about what new technology you would include to help the people who live there.