

Finn's Guide to Settlements

Learning objective: To identify and describe what a settlement is and why people choose to live in certain places.

Read the story about Finn the dolphin. Then, answer the questions below. Use the word bank if you need help with spelling.

Hello! I am Finn the dolphin. I swim through rivers and oceans to see the world. I often see places where humans live. These places are called settlements. A settlement is a place where people build homes to live together. Some settlements are small, like a quiet village with a few houses. Others are very large, like a busy city with tall buildings and many shops. People choose where to build their settlements very carefully. Long ago, people liked to build near a river. The river gave them fresh water to drink and fish to eat. It also helped them travel by boat. Today, people still look for good places to live. They need space for houses, shops, and parks. Some people choose to live near the coast so they can work near the sea. Every settlement is different, but they all provide a home and shelter for people to stay safe and happy.

Word bank: settlement · river · village · town · city · resources · shelter

1. What is a settlement? (2 marks)

2. Why did people long ago like to build their homes near a river? (2 marks)

3. How can you tell the difference between a village and a city? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think people today might still want to live near water? (2 marks)

5. Would you rather live in a small village or a big city? Give one reason why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a settlement near a river. Include some houses, a bridge, and some trees.



Extension challenge: Write a list of three things that every house needs to have to be a comfortable home.