

Finn's Geography: Understanding Settlements

Learning objective: To identify why people choose to build settlements in different places.

Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Look at the clues in each sentence.

Word bank: settlement · river · food · shelter · jobs · transport

1. Finn the dolphin says a place where people live is called a _____. Write the missing word below. (1 mark)

2. In the past, why did people build houses near a river? (Hint: Think about water and travel). (2 marks)

3. Name two things that a family needs to survive in their home. Use words from the bank. (2 marks)

4. Why do many people choose to live in a town or a city today? (Hint: Think about what adults do during the day). (2 marks)

5. Imagine you are building a new village. Would you build it near a mountain or near a flat, green field? Explain why. (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a small settlement. Include a house, a path, and a water source like a river or a stream.



Extension challenge: Talk to a partner: What is one thing that makes your local area a good place to live?