

Year 5 Geography Assessment: Settlements and Land Use

Learning objective: To demonstrate understanding of how and why settlements are formed, the differences between land use zones, and the factors influencing site selection.

Read each question carefully. Use your geographical knowledge to provide detailed, accurate answers. Ensure you use the provided word bank where appropriate.

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the coastline. He notes that early settlers often chose locations near rivers for water, transport, and fertile soil. As populations grew, small hamlets expanded into villages, then towns, and eventually large cities. Today, land use in these areas is divided into residential, commercial, industrial, and recreational zones.

Word bank: Urban · Rural · Settlement · Infrastructure · Conurbation · Services · Employment · Topography

1. Define the term 'settlement' and provide one example of a human need that influences where a settlement is built. (2 marks)

2. Compare and contrast the typical characteristics of a rural village and a large urban city. (3 marks)

3. Explain why many historical settlements were founded close to a reliable water source. Use geographical terminology in your answer. (3 marks)

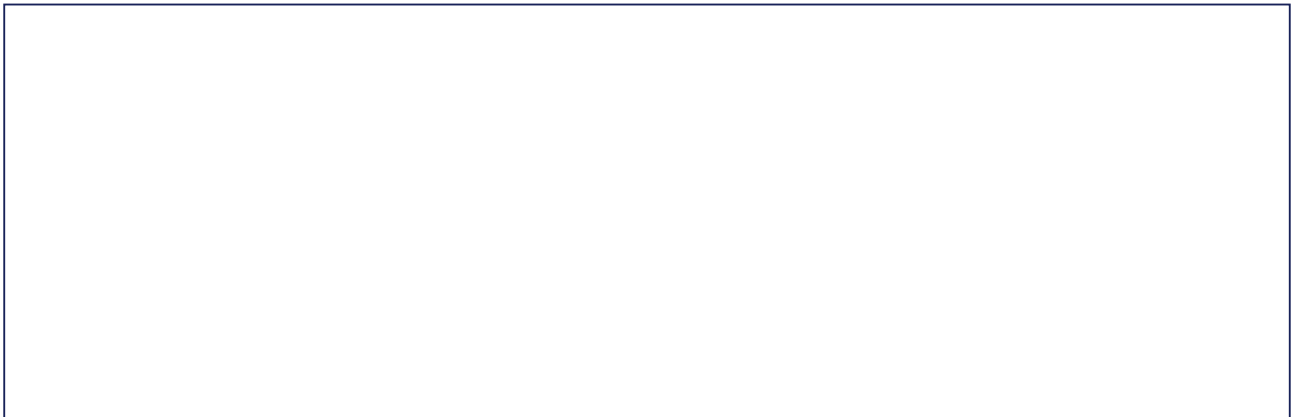
4. Identify two different types of land use found within a town centre and explain how they serve the local population. (4 marks)

5. What might happen to a small village if a new, major motorway or railway station were built nearby? Justify your answer. (4 marks)

6. Imagine a new settlement is being planned in a mountainous region. Discuss the challenges the planners might face regarding topography and infrastructure. Provide a 5-mark extended response. (5 marks)

7. If a local shop costs £120,000 to build in a rural area but £450,000 to build in a city centre, explain one reason why land values differ between these two settings. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a cross-section of a town showing different land use zones (e.g., residential, industrial, and green space). Label each zone clearly.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge Task: Research the concept of a 'brownfield site'. Write a persuasive paragraph explaining why building on brownfield sites is often more sustainable than building on 'greenfield' land.