

Finn the Dolphin's Population Adventure

Learning objective: To understand what population means and why people choose to live in different places.

Read the story about Finn the dolphin below. Use the word bank to help you answer the questions. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

Finn the dolphin loves to swim along the coast. He looks at the land to see where people live. A group of people living in one place is called a population. Some people live in a big city. A city is very busy and has many tall buildings. The population of a city is very large because so many people live close together. Other people prefer to live in a small village. A village is much quieter and has fewer houses. The population of a village is small. Some people live in the quiet countryside where houses are far apart. People choose where to live for many reasons. Some like being near their work in a big city. Others like the calm of the countryside. Finn likes to watch the boats move between these places. Whether it is a small village or a giant city, every place is a home to a different group of people. Geography helps us understand how these populations grow and change over time.

Word bank: population · city · village · settlement · countryside · busy

1. What do we call a group of people living in one place? (1 mark) (1 mark)

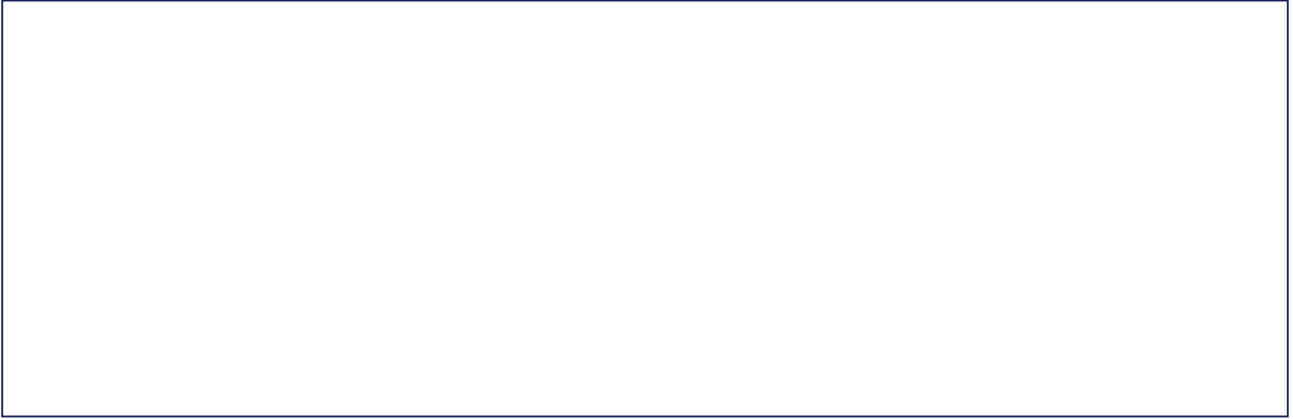
2. Name two types of places where people might live, as mentioned in the text. (2 marks) (2 marks)

3. Why do you think a city has a larger population than a village? (2 marks) (2 marks)

4. Based on the text, why might someone choose to live in the countryside instead of a city? (2 marks) (2 marks)

5. Would you prefer to live in a busy city or a quiet village? Explain why. (2 marks) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a busy city with tall buildings on one side of your paper and a quiet village with a few houses on the other side.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are building a new settlement. Write two reasons why you would pick a spot near a river or a forest.