Finn’s Global Population Quest

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of population, identify reasons for settlement patterns, and recognise factors that affect where people choose to live.

Join Finn the dolphin on a journey across the globe! Answer these 10 questions to test your knowledge about how and where people live on our planet.

Answer Key: 1. B (The total number of people living in a place); 2. True; 3. Urban; 4. A (Water, food, and shelter); 5. False (High density); 6. Rural; 7. Migration; 8. C (They are often near rivers or coastal areas); 9. True; 10. Population Density.

Word bank: Population · Urban · Rural · Settlement · Density · Migration · Resources · Climate

1. 1. What is the definition of 'population'? A) The number of animals in a forest, B) The total number of people living in a specific place*, C) The amount of money a country earns, D) The weather in a city. (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Population density refers to how crowded a place is. (1 mark)

3. 3. If a large number of people live closely together in a city, is this described as an urban or rural area? (1 mark)

4. 4. Which of these is a major reason why people historically chose to live in a certain area? A) Access to natural resources like water*, B) The availability of fast internet, C) To be far away from everyone else, D) To avoid having neighbours. (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: A desert usually has a very high population density. (1 mark)

6. 6. A village with wide open fields and fewer houses is known as a _____ area. (1 mark)

7. 7. What is the term used for when people move from one place to another to live permanently? (1 mark)

8. 8. Why are many of the world's largest cities located near the coast? A) To make it easier to go swimming, B) Because it is always sunny, C) They are often near rivers or coastal areas for trade and transport*, D) There are no trees to clear. (1 mark)

9. 9. True or False: Some parts of the world have very few people because the climate is too extreme to live in comfortably. (1 mark)

10. 10. What do we call the measurement of the number of people living per square kilometre? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a map of an imaginary island. Include one 'Urban' area with tall buildings and one 'Rural' area with farms, forests, and a river. Label both areas clearly.

Extension challenge: Imagine you are planning a brand new town. Write three bullet points explaining why you would choose a specific location. Think about water, jobs, and travel links!