Year 3 Geography Assessment: Understanding Population

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of population and how human settlements vary in size and density.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and full sentences where required. Finn the dolphin is here to help you navigate these questions!

Finn the dolphin has been mapping the world. He has noticed that some places have very few people, while others have thousands living close together. A population is the total number of people who live in a specific place, such as a town, a country, or the whole world. Some people live in quiet, rural areas with lots of space, while others live in busy, urban cities with tall buildings and many shops.

Word bank: Population · Village · City · Rural · Urban · Settlement · Crowded · Remote

1. Define the word 'population' in your own words. (2 marks)

2. What is the main difference between a rural village and an urban city? (3 marks)

3. Look at these two places: A small farm in the countryside and a large block of flats in London. Which one would have a higher population density? Explain why. (4 marks)

4. List two reasons why people might choose to live in a large city rather than a remote village. (4 marks)

5. If a new school is built in a small village, how might this affect the local population over time? Give one reason for your answer. (3 marks)

6. Imagine your local area. Describe it using three geographical words from the word bank and explain if it is a busy or quiet place to live. (4 marks)

7. Write a short paragraph (about 5 sentences) explaining why the world's population is not spread out evenly. Think about why some places have lots of people and some have very few (e.g., mountains, deserts, or jobs). (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture showing a rural area on the left side of the page and an urban area on the right side. Label one feature of each that shows how many people live there.

Extension challenge: Total: /25