# Mapping Our World: Understanding Population

Join Finn the Dolphin on a global adventure to discover where people live and why!

- **The population is the total number of people living in a specific place, such as a town, a country, or the whole world.**
- **Urban areas are places like cities and large towns where many people live close together in flats and houses.**
- **Rural areas are the countryside, where there are fewer people, more open fields, and smaller villages.**
- **People often choose to live near natural resources, such as rivers for water or flat land for farming and building homes.**
- **Population density describes how crowded a place is; high density means lots of people in a small space, while low density means plenty of room.**

> *Did you know? Did you know? If you gathered every single person on Earth and put them into one giant line, it would stretch far beyond the moon and back again! Even though there are billions of us, we are spread out very differently across our blue planet.*

**Key vocabulary: Population · Settlement · Urban · Rural · Density · Community**