Exploring Global Populations: A Fact-File with Finn

Learning objective: To understand how and why human populations are distributed across the world, and the factors that influence where people choose to live.

Join Finn the dolphin on a global expedition! Use your geography knowledge to complete this population fact-file. Research or recall how different physical and human features affect where people settle. Be sure to use geographical terminology when explaining your reasoning.

Word bank: population density · urbanisation · migration · settlement · infrastructure · climate · resources · terrain

1. The Population Challenge: Define 'population density' in your own words and explain how it differs between a busy city centre and a remote mountain range. (2 marks)

2. Push and Pull Factors: Choose one country or region. List two 'pull' factors that encourage people to move there (e.g., jobs, climate, safety). (2 marks)

3. Geography's Role: Describe how physical geography (such as access to water or flat land) impacts where large settlements are built. (3 marks)

4. Urbanisation Trends: Explain what is meant by 'urbanisation' and why many people have moved from rural areas to cities over the last century. (3 marks)

5. Future Predictions: If a new city were built in a desert, what three services or pieces of infrastructure would be most important for the population to survive and grow? (3 marks)

Extension challenge: Research a country with a declining population. Write a short paragraph explaining why this might be happening and what the long-term effects could be for their economy.