Finn’s Global Settlement Sorting Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the differences between rural and urban settlements and how population density affects where people live.

Finn the Dolphin has been mapping the land! He has found different places where people live. Look at the list of features below. Decide if each feature belongs in an 'Urban' area (like a busy city) or a 'Rural' area (like a quiet village or the countryside) and write it in the correct column of your table.

Word bank: Tall apartment blocks · Farmland and fields · Heavy traffic and buses · Quiet country lanes · Many shops and cinemas · Small cottages · Large population · Small population

1. Draw a table with two columns: 'Urban' and 'Rural'. Sort the words from the word bank into the correct columns. (8 marks)

2. Why do you think more people choose to live in urban areas compared to rural areas? Give one reason. (2 marks)

3. If a new store opens in a village, will that village change from being 'Rural' to 'Urban'? Explain your answer. (2 marks)

4. Imagine you are planning a new town. Would you build it near a river or a forest? Why? (2 marks)

5. True or False: A city usually has a higher population density than a farm. Explain why. (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a split picture. On the left side, draw a busy urban scene with tall buildings and cars. On the right side, draw a peaceful rural scene with a farm, trees, and a tractor.

Extension challenge: Research a local town or village near your school. Write down three things that show whether it is mostly urban or rural based on what you have learned today.