



KEY VOCABULARY

settlement

a place **where people live**

urban

an area **where a large number of people live** near to each other: urban areas have lots of buildings and roads

rural

an **area located outside of towns and cities**, sometimes called the countryside: people often live far apart in rural areas

suburban

an area **on the edges of towns and cities** where people live: suburban areas often have green space and homes often have gardens

population

the **number of people** living in an area

dense population

many people living in an area, homes are close to one another

sparse population

few people living in an area, homes are spread out

conurbation

an urban area that has developed when the **suburban areas of several towns or cities merged**

urban area



rural area



hamlet



a small settlement with a very small number of homes and no services

village



a group of houses in the countryside, sometimes with a church and small shop

town



a place where there are lots of houses and shops: a town may have a local council that makes decisions for the people who live there

city



a city is a large urban area where lots of people live close to each other: there are often lots of shops and services in a city