

# Settlements - Geography Y3

**Settlement** - A place where people live.

**Urban** - An area where a large number of people live near to one another. 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** - Areas on the edges of towns and cities where people live. Suburban areas often have green spaces and homes often have gardens.

**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

**Population** - The number of people living in an area.

**Dense population** - Many people living in an area where homes are close to one another.

**Sparse population** - Few people living in an area where homes are spread out.