

KS1 Geography. Comparing locations (Your world)

Comparing two river cities - Belfast and Pune

Belfast is the capital city of Northern Ireland, running through the city is the river Lagan. There are many bridges crossing the river, and ships, and cranes.

Far away from Belfast, is the city of Pune. It's in India, a country in the continent of Asia. It also has a river running right through the middle of it, with many shops and markets along its banks. This river is called the Mula-Mutha.

Uma: My name is Uma. I am nine years old. I live with my mum, my dad, my sister and my cat.

Robin: My name is Robin. I am nine years old. I live with my mum, my dad, and my annoying twin brothers, in Belfast. The river that runs through Belfast is called the river Lagan. The bit of the river near our house, we usually cycle along, or go for wee walks beside it. You feel like you're in the middle of the countryside. So you hardly ever see anything except wildlife, and sometimes you come across stuff that people just throw in.

Uma: There's a river in Pune called the Mula-Mutha river. It's really rubbishy on one side, and foamy and rocky on the other side. It's less dirty than it was before but still people throw garbage in it.

Robin: I would usually go into the centre of Belfast every fortnight, maybe. I like to eat near the river because it gives you a taste of Belfast. A taste of the food and a taste of the Lagan. I am eating traditional fish and chips from Belfast, which are very nice!

Uma: When I'm free I like to go to the market with my mum, to buy vegetables and fruits.

Uma's mum: Do you know what this is called?

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Uma: Ladies' Fingers.

- Uma's mum: Yeah, Ladies' Fingers, or okra.
- Uma: The market is full of dust, full of veggies, fresh smells, and there's always something new.
- Robin: I like visiting Victoria Square, which is a shopping centre in Belfast. It has a big dome, and it has seven floors. My house is over that direction, and it's right beside the river Lagan, which flows all the way through Belfast, over to the ports over there. You can see the Harland and Wolff cranes, which are called Samson and Goliath, and they made the Titanic which is a very big ship which sadly sank going to America.
- Uma: Before breakfast we change, and then we brush our teeth.
- Robin: My mum and dad wake up first, and then I wake up and then my twin brothers wake up. Then we eat our breakfast and get into the car. On our journey to school, we see cows and horses, and lots of wildlife.
- Uma: Sometimes when we pass the river, we see ladies washing their clothes and I feel bad for them because they have to wash it in dirty water, and they don't have washing machines to do stuff.
- Robin: At school there are lots of different clubs. The clubs I go to are choir, which I very much enjoy.
- Uma: It's less dance class, more creative movement class. It's really enjoyable, you can really have fun in it.
- Robin: It feels just enjoyable, when you're singing a happy song it brings out your mood.
- Uma: I'm not really sure what I want to be when I grow up.
- Robin: I would like to be an actor or I would like to be a singer.