

KS2 Geography. Settlements.

Cities and Holiday resorts.

EVA: Get set for an exciting journey.

I'll be your guide, 'Earth's Virtual Assistant'. But you can call me E.V.A.

Your mission is to explore different types of settlement. Settlements are places where people live and sometimes work. They can be small, or large, depending on how many people live there and what sorts of services there are.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - SERVICES]

Services meet different needs, like healthcare or education.

Let's investigate a city settlement.

[THE GLOBE SPINS AND WE ZOOM INTO UK]

It's time to start this mission so let's journey to the United Kingdom.

There is no single definition of what a city is. In the past, if a settlement had a cathedral it could be called a city, no matter how big it was or how many people lived there. For example, St Davids in Wales is a cathedral city, with a very small population of just under 2,000 people.

But today, a city is usually thought of as a very large settlement that has lots of buildings and lots of people.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - CITIES ACROSS THE UK]

Swansea is a port city in Wales. It has a population of around 250,000.

Belfast is the capital - and the largest city - in Northern Ireland. It has a population of around 350,000.

Located on the River Clyde, Scotland's largest city is Glasgow. It's home to more than 630,000 people.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - CITIES]

Large cities are usually known for trade and economic activity. You'll often find tall high-rise buildings used as offices for people to work in.

Not all of the high-rises are used for work, as lots of people also live in cities, often in flats or apartments.

Large cities have the greatest variety of buildings and services inside them. They usually have hospitals, sports facilities, and tourist attractions like museums.

There are lots of transport links connecting cities with other parts of the country, as they're important hubs for people to get to. Some cities even have their own airport.

The world's largest cities have a special name. They're called *megacities*.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - MEGACITY]

The UK's capital - London - is a megacity...and it continues to grow!

Some people live in the outskirts of a city, called the suburbs...

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - SUBURBS]

...where there's more green space. People in suburbs tend to live in houses, rather than apartments or flats.

Cities do face challenges. So many people living and sharing the same space can lead to pollution. This could be increased noise, or litter or exhaust fumes from so many vehicles on the roads.

[DEBRIEF - CITIES]

1: Cities are usually large settlements known for trade and business. 2: But can also have historic and cultural importance. 3: Large cities have tall, high-rise buildings, and a wide variety of facilities and services.

[ZOOM OUT TO MISSION HQ]

Our mission continues now and it's time to explore another settlement. Who'd like to go on holiday?

[WE ZOOM OUT TO A HOLIDAY RESORT]

Holiday resorts can be found in coastal areas, or places which offer beautiful landscapes. They can also be close to historical cities with interesting things to visit. They can vary in size but their main purpose is tourism.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - RESORTS]

Many holiday resorts in the UK developed during the reign of Queen Victoria, when more people could now afford to take holidays and transport had improved to make travel easier.

The number of people in holiday resorts varies across the year, depending on when tourists wish to visit them. For example, in the seaside resort of Blackpool in England, lots of people visit in the summer when the weather is nicer.

Blackpool is home to around 140,000 people, but over 20 million tourists visit throughout the year. This means there's a huge difference between the permanent population in holiday resorts, and the number of annual visitors.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - TOURISM]

To be successful a holiday resort needs to provide the services its visitors need. This means having good transport links, places to park cars, but - most importantly - plenty of places to stay, called *accommodation*, as well as restaurants to enjoy a meal and plenty of leisure facilities.

Sometimes a holiday resort can become so popular that too many people wish to visit, leading to overcrowding and pollution.

[DEBRIEF - HOLIDAY RESORTS]

1: A holiday resort is a type of settlement where people stay for a short time while on holiday. 2: They are often found in coastal areas or areas of outstanding natural beauty. 3: Whether small or large, their main purpose is tourism.

[ZOOM OUT TO MISSION HQ]

Congratulations! We've come to the end of our fabulous journey exploring two different types of settlement. Mission complete!