

KS2 Geography. Settlements.

Villages and Towns.

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 sort of services there are.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - SERVICES]

Services meet different needs, like healthcare or education.

Let's investigate a village settlement.

[THE GLOBE SPINS AND WE ZOOM INTO UK]

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

Villages are settlements with a small number of houses and buildings. The population of villages ranges from a few hundred, to around 5,000 people.

Most villages are surrounded by green spaces and were originally formed when farming, mining or sea fishing communities needed homes.

Villages today have different types of houses. Some contain old cottages that vary in size and shape, and others are more modern, 'new-build' homes.

A village is smaller than a town or city, and they have fewer services.

Some villages have a few shops, a post office and a cafe. There may be a place of worship, like a church. And there's often a primary school.

Villages usually have a meeting point - such as a village hall - where locals can come together for events.

Transport links connect them to larger towns and cities, but people might have to wait longer for a bus or a train to arrive in villages because the services are less regular.

[DEBRIEF - VILLAGES]

- 1: Villages are settlements with a small number of houses and buildings.
- 2: They have fewer services than towns or cities.
- 3: Some villages have a small number of shops and there may be a place of worship.

[WE RETURN TO MISSION HQ]

Our mission continues now and it's time to explore another settlement. Let's journey to somewhere a bit busier...

[WE LEAVE MISSION HQ AND ZOOM INTO A TOWN]

Towns are a type of settlement found in the UK and around the world. It's a place where people live and sometimes work.

Towns are larger than villages but smaller than cities. The largest UK towns can have up to 250,000 people living there - so they need more homes and services.

There are a wide variety of homes, including high-rise flats and terraced houses.

Towns have primary and secondary schools, as well as lots of places to shop. You'll find some leisure facilities, including public swimming pools, libraries and possibly a cinema. There are places of worship too.

If you're unwell, then towns will have doctors' surgeries where you can receive care. They also have police and fire stations to keep locals safe.

It's not just the people that live in towns that use the services it provides. Roads, railways and pathways connect different settlements, so people from villages can easily get to a town to shop; and people who live in towns can easily get out to the countryside to enjoy the green space.

[ON-SCREEN GRAPHICS - SPECIAL FUNCTION]

Some towns have a special purpose. For example, this is a port town where ships bring goods to and from the UK. Port towns are found by rivers, seas, or oceans.

And this is a market town, where farmers and traders buy and sell their produce.

[DEBRIEF - TOWNS]

1: A town is larger than a village but smaller than a city. 2: There are services such as doctors' surgeries and shops. 3: The buildings are mixed-use: some are houses, others are schools or supermarkets.

[WE ZOOM OUT OF TOWNS TO RETURN TO MISSION HQ]

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