

Year 6: Settlements Knowledge Organiser Big Question: Where would you place your self-sustaining settlement?

Subject Specific Vocabulary

self-sustaining	Something that is able to continue in a healthy state without outside assistance.
settlement	Places where people live.
economy	How a place is doing in producing and making goods; how much money it has.
natural resources	Materials occurring in nature which can be used for economic gain.
energy	The ability to do work. Renewable energy resources can naturally replenish themselves whereas non-renewable resources cannot.
location	A particular place or position.

Key Knowledge

Settlements have formed in specific locations for specific geographical reasons which must be able to sustain themselves. The sea, fresh water, hills and flat land are different natural resources which have different advantages and disadvantages for settlements.



Settlements must have a source of **energy** in order to run. The energy used can be supplied in different ways: fossil fuels, hydropower, solar energy, wind energy and geothermal energy. Some of these energy sources are sustainable whilst others are not.



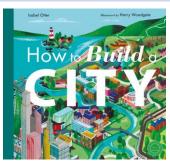
Settlements need to develop an **economy** in order to be **self-sustaining**. These economies can be created by trade; however, not all economies are based around money/currency.



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environmental	Relating to the natural world and the impact of human activity on its condition.
housing	The buildings in which people live.
citizen	Someone who lives in a particular settlement.
services	A system supplying a public need such as transport, communications or utilities.
cultural activities	Sports or activities which contribute to or enhance social development.



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Key Knowledge

Different types of **housing** are suitable for different **environments** and purposes. Most settlements will have a number of different housing types to suit a range of **citizens**. These include: detached, semidetached, terraced, bungalows, flats and cottages.



Once a settlement is a certain size, services, such as recycling and waste, emergency services and sport must be provided centrally. There must also be cultural activities for the citizens, including: libraries, museums and stadiums. Services and culture are part of what makes a settlement an attractive place to live and also pay into its economy.