



# Canarygeog Worksheet

## Settlements - Answers

1. Describe the site of your school.

Here you must talk about what factors originally were taken into account to establish that settlement there : wet point, dry points, shelter, route centre ...)

2. Why do you think London's site was chosen ?

Basically due to it being on the River Thames which is a major river and makes it ideal for water transport of goods and people. The Thames also provided a good source of fresh drinking water and made it a good defensive point as one side was protected by the river.

3. Explain how London changed or adapted to have more advantages.

With time London became a bridging point and it was also the closest bridging point to the sea, as it grew it also became a nodal point as it became a route centre.

4. What is an urban function ?

Urban function is the "job" which happens in the town or city.

5. What is the main function of the place where you live ?

Your answer should be focused on the function of the place where you live taking into account that it can have more than one, some possible answers are :

Business, religion, entertainment, shopping, residential, industrial or route centre.

6. For the place where you live give evidence of the following functions (if they exist)

- a. Cultural centre (museums ...)
- b. Tourist town (hotels, beaches ...)
- c. Residential town (areas of housing ...)
- d. Recreational centre (parks, museums, attraction parks, golf courses ...)
- e. Historic town (old buildings, churches, castles ...)
- f. Industrial area (factories, industrial estates ...)

7. What does hierarchy mean ?

A hierarchy is the ranking with the biggest and most important of the top and the smallest and least important at the bottom.

8. Why are settlement hierarchies shown using a pyramid ?

Because the width of each step represents the number of settlements in that category, there is usually only one capital city but thousands of hamlets or isolated dwellings.

9. Name a conurbation, city, town, village and hamlet in the place where you live.

Examples regarding Gran Canaria;

Conurbation : Las Palmas

City : Telde

Town : Firgas

Village : Tafira

Hamlet : Area round El Cortijo

10. What is a sphere of influence ?

The sphere of influence is the area surrounding a settlement where people who live within this area depend on the settlement for employment, education, shopping and finance.