



# Canarygeog Worksheet

## Urban Sprawl - Answers

1. What is the correct definition for counter-urbanisation ?

Counter-urbanisation is the fall in the number (or percentage) of people living in towns.

2. What is the correct definition for rural-urban fringe ?

The rural-urban fringe is the area at the edge of the town where the city meets the country side, it's neither rural nor urban.

3. Why are people leaving the cities ?

- Inner city is dirty, dangerous and crowded.
- Countryside is more relaxing, cleaner and quieter.
- It's easy to commute by bus or train into the city on a daily basis.
- Many businesses and industries are moving out-of-town.

4. What attracts people to the rural-urban fringe ?

- Land is cheaper to build houses or to prepare car parks for the industries.
- As land is cheaper the retailers can have larger shops.
- Farmers can diversify with new ideas like lodges, golf courses or farm shops.
- Business parks or industrial parks are a lot nicer for the people using them with green areas and open spaces.

5. What other land uses are developing on the rural-urban fringe ?

- Cinemas
- Sport stadiums
- Big supermarkets or hypermarkets
- Golf courses
- Business estates
- Science parks