

Do the features of places affect where people choose to live?

People choose to live in places for many reasons. Do you know why you live where you do?

- 1 Discuss with your class, group or partner where you live and why you live there.

The features of places help people to decide where to live. These features can be visible or invisible. Visible features are roads, buildings, trees, rivers and mountains. Invisible features are weather, culture and communities. People choose to live in places for both their visible and invisible features.

- 2 Write two visible features that you think people **must** have to live in a place.

- 3 Write two invisible features that you think people would **like** to have to live in a place.

- 4 List three human or natural features (visible or invisible) you would like to live near.

- 5 How could you find out what the most popular features were for the people in your class? Discuss this with your class or group.

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a List the five most popular features in the table below.

Name of feature	Number of people who liked this feature

- b Discuss with your group or class- "Places with the most popular features will usually have the most people living nearby."

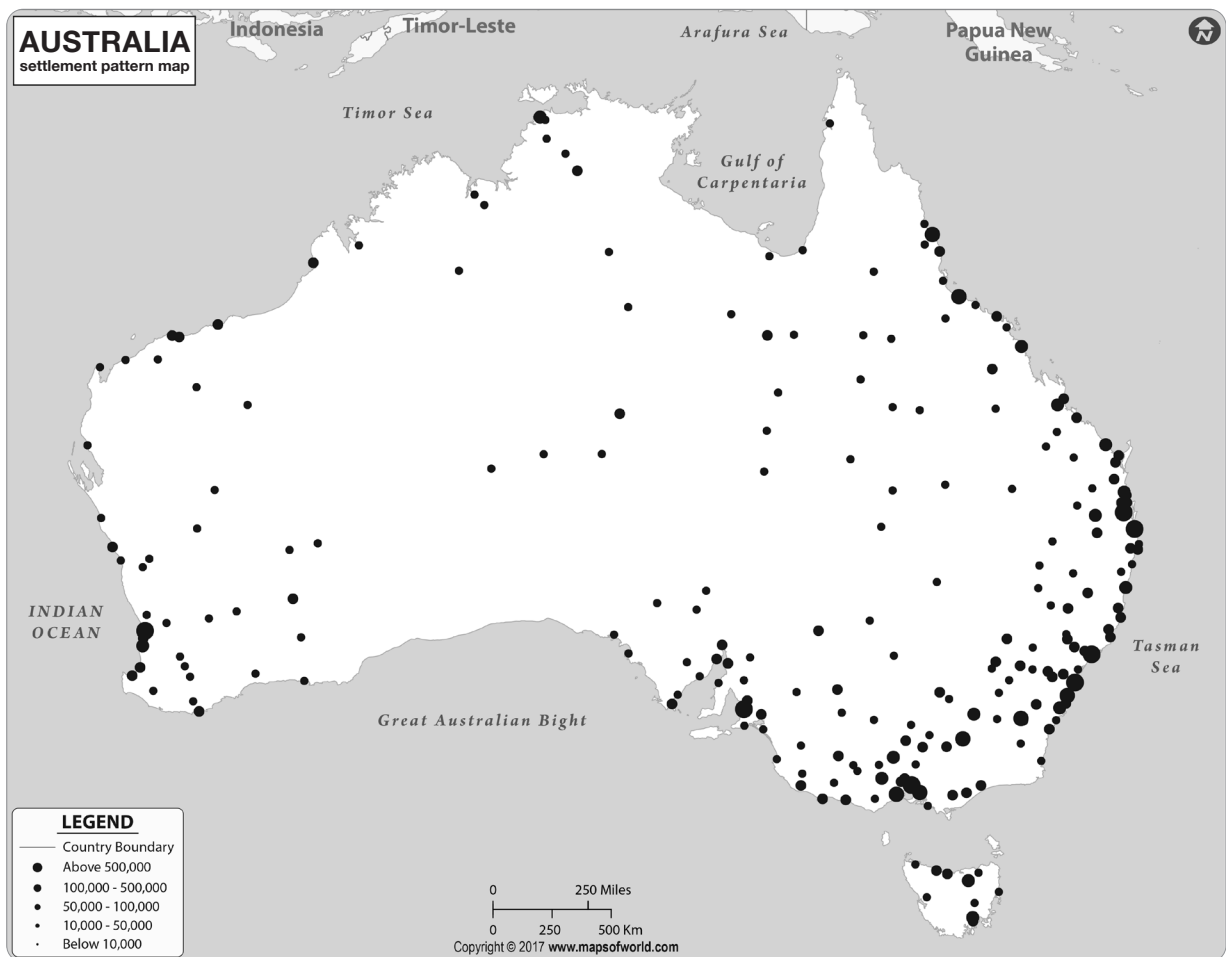
The spaces in Australia can be arranged in many different ways, for example – states and territories, climate zones, Aboriginal Language Groups. This map shows Australia arranged in settlement patterns. A settlement is a place where people choose to build and live.

This settlement pattern map shows where people live in Australia. The more dots there are the more people live there.

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Look at the settlement pattern map for Australia. Write three questions that you think could be answered by this settlement pattern map.

- a _____
- b _____
- c _____



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What features would you expect to find in the most populated places? Discuss with your partner, group or class.

There are many types of settlements, for example – towns, cities, villages and farms.

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Use an atlas or Google Earth to find these places and then write them in the table.



You can add some more places if you would like to.

Type of settlement			
Remote	Small Town	Large Town	City

b What type of settlement would you like to live in and why would you live there?

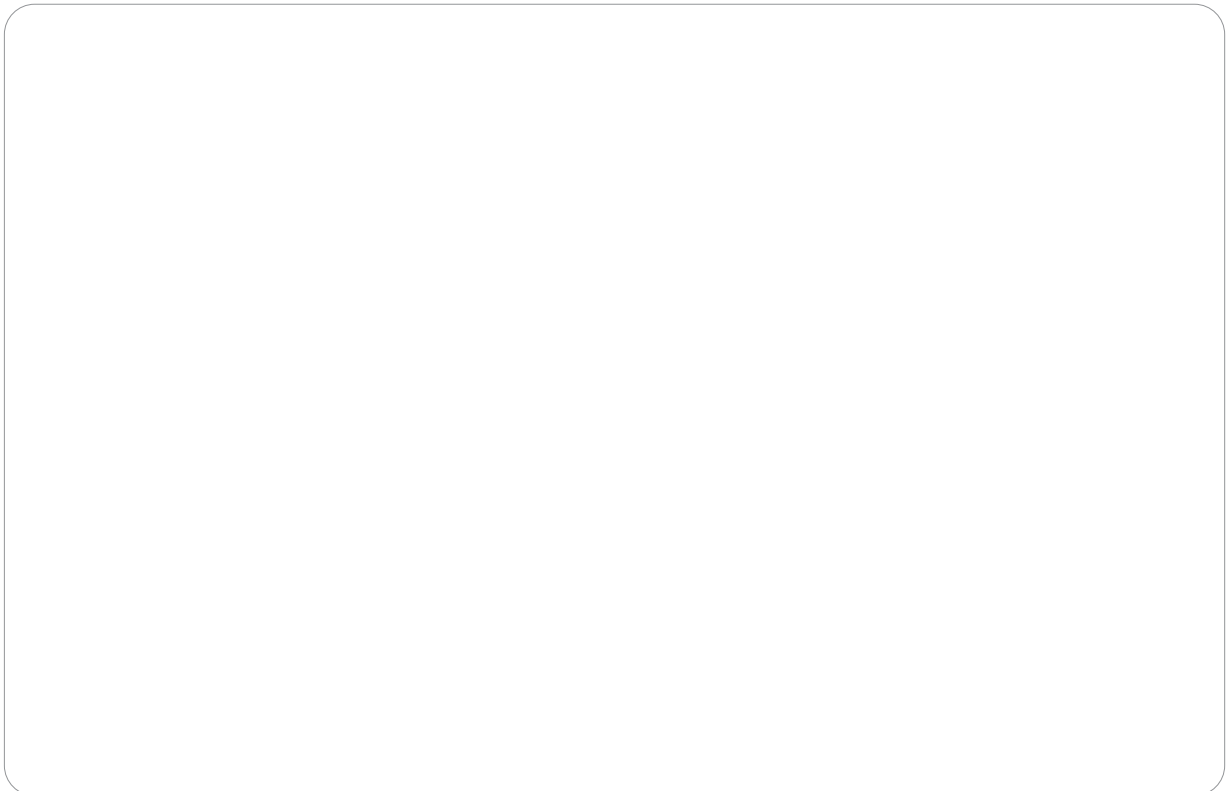
If you look at the settlement map of Australia you will see that the top point of Queensland (Cape York Peninsula) does not have many people living in it. Yet there was once a land bridge between Cape York and Papua New Guinea. This is one of the ways that the first indigenous people came to Australia.

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If the first people came here over 40,000 years ago why is Cape York still so isolated?

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Antarctica is one of the most remote places in the world. The only people who live there are those that work in research stations. Think about its climate and natural features and design a settlement for families.

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Go to the website provided by your teacher to see the real settlements in Antarctica.