

VILLAGE, TOWN OR CITY?

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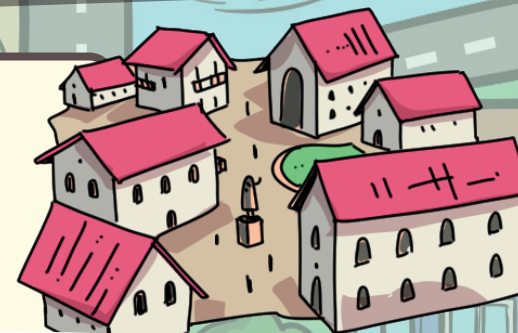
A settlement is a place where people live. There are different kinds, such as hamlets, villages, towns, cities and megacities.

In this text, we'll learn about three types found in the United Kingdom. Which one would you rather live in?



VILLAGES

Villages are small places. Most have only a few hundred people, but it can be up to a few thousand. Villages are usually in the countryside, surrounded by fields. In many villages, the houses sit close together around a green, church or main street. Because fewer people live there, there are not many shops or services.



Examples of villages in the United Kingdom:

Alfriston

Bidbury

Cullen

TOWNS

A town is bigger than a village. It typically has around 1,000 to 100,000 residents. This means that there are more homes and services like shops and schools. Most towns have a swimming pool, a sports centre or a park where people can play. Many also have a town hall. If you visit a town, you will often find a place of worship, such as a church, mosque or synagogue.

Examples of towns in the United Kingdom:

Milton Keynes

Aberystwyth

Kilmarnock

CITIES

Cities are larger than towns. Lots of people live in them. Sometimes, it is even millions! That is why there are many types of homes, like houses, flats and apartments.

Cities are busy places with lots to see and do. You can visit shops, try new foods in cafés and restaurants and explore museums.

There are many places of worship, too. Some cities even have big churches called cathedrals.

There are plenty of schools because lots of children live in cities.



Examples of cities in the United Kingdom:

Birmingham

Edinburgh

Derry

Roads, railways and paths link villages, towns and cities in the UK.

These links connect places and make it easier for people to get around.