

Learning Organiser: Why do so many people in the world live in megacities?

Key objective

Understand what a megacity is, their distribution and the attractions and disadvantages of living in one.

Important things I will know and understand

What the terms 'rural', 'urban' and 'urbanisation' mean.

What a megacity is and their distribution globally.

The top ten megacities.

Why the number of people living in megacities is increasing globally.

Why Baghdad became the first city with one million inhabitants.

The location of the ten largest cities in the United Kingdom.

Why Milton Keynes is the fastest growing city in the UK.

Name and locate the countries, largest cities and physical features of the continent of South America.

Why the government of Brazil decided to construct a new capital city in 1960.

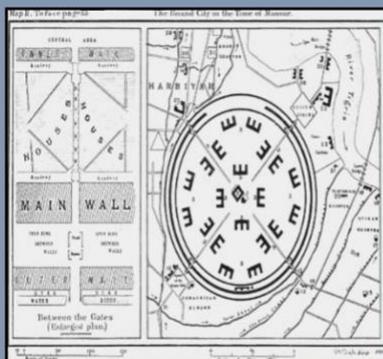
The physical and human features of the city of Brasilia.

The main attractions and disadvantages of living in megacities.

Important geographical techniques I will use

Statistical representation	Interpreting tabular data and constructing population density maps.
Mapwork	Political, relief, population density, pictorial and distribution maps.
Imagery	Terrestrial, aerial and satellite photographs and GIS Google Earth Pro

Places I will visit



Baghdad AD 900



Brasilia



Milton Keynes

Advantages of city living I will consider



Employment



Entertainment

Important vocabulary I will learn

Pattern	how objects are arranged or laid out on the Earth's surface
Pollution	something added to the environment that is harmful to living things
City	a place where many people live and work very closely together alongside shops, offices and businesses
Megacity	a place with over ten million inhabitants
Population density	the average number of people living on each square kilometre of land
Constraint	something that limits or restricts the way people can live their lives
Migration	the movement of people from one place to live permanently somewhere else
Favela	a slum or shanty town found around the outside of some large cities in the world
Employment	the occupation or work by which someone earns a living
Congestion	very full or crowded with people
Smog	air pollution causes when water droplets combine with chemical particles

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Important Concepts I will understand

Environment	The particular physical and human features which make places distinctive.
Distribution	The pattern of where physical and human features are located.
Location	The position of something.
Interaction	The links or connections within and between different natural and human processes.
Settlement	Any place where people live such as a village or city.
Urban	A built up area with a high population density.
Rural	Areas of countryside outside of towns and cities.
Urbanisation	The constant increase in the number and size of cities.
Trade	Buying or selling goods and services between people and countries.
Development	The level of quality of life experienced by people living in different places.
Region	An area of land that has common features such as a particular climate or religion.
Economic activity	Making a product or providing something that others pay for.

Important maps I will refer to



Political map of South America



Physical map of South America



Night satellite image of South America



Location of Milton Keynes



Location of the largest urban areas in the United Kingdom



the world's megacities



Location of Brasilia

Important subject skills I will apply

Describing	giving an account of something
Selecting	choosing the information most relevant
Reasoning/ speculating	thinking and forming ideas about something without necessarily firm evidence to back it up
Synthesising	bringing together a range of ideas and facts from different sources to develop an explanation
Explaining	showing understanding of how or why something is the way it is
Empathising	placing yourself in another's position to better understand their actions

Disadvantages of city life I will consider



Congestion and pollution