

To know about town and village life in a different country

Lesson 3

Last lesson recap: What can you remember about settlements?

What are settlements?

- Settlements are **places** where people live and sometimes work.
- They can be small or large depending on how many people live there and how many **facilities** there are.
- Facilities are places where certain things happen.
- For example, schools for education, parks for playing or shops for selling things.

What can you remember about settlements?

Types of settlements

- A **hamlet** is a very small settlement with just a group of houses.
- A **village** is also small but may have houses, a primary school, a few shops, a Post Office and a village hall.
- A **town** is larger than a village, with lots of houses, primary and secondary schools, as well as sometimes having a railway station and shopping centre.
- A **city** is the largest type of settlement, containing lots of buildings and lots of people. They usually have hospitals, sports facilities, universities, shops, offices, many houses and often a cathedral.
- In the UK however, some cities may be small. This is because some settlements have a **cathedral** and this makes them a city. For example, St Davids in Wales and Wells in England.

Watch

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zx72pv4/articles/zrbvjhv#zwfckty1>



Today we will learn how life in Mexican villages and towns is different from that in the main cities.

Watch:

- Town and Village Life in Mexico:
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0115hm6>
- Mayan Population of the Lacandon Rainforest
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p0113y2b>

Task 1: Lacandon, Chiapas and Taxco

- Explore Lacandon, Chiapas and Taxco (mentioned in the BBC clips) using Google Earth.
- Think about:
 - How are these areas the same/different from each other? From Mexico City?
 - What about the human and physical aspects of geography? What is the land like? What are they surrounded by?

Subsistence Farming

- The practice of growing crops and raising livestock sufficient only for one's own use, without any surplus for trade.
- Why do you think this way of life has less impact on the environment.?

Task 2

- In your partners
- Choose a location: Chiapas or the Lacandon Forest
- You are going to have 5 minutes to role play in pairs: One person imagining you live in Chiapas or the Lacandon Forest and the other imagining they live in Taxco.
- You must ask each other questions about your daily life, transport, food, jobs, schooling etc. You need to answer the questions using what you have seen about the location from the video and the Google Earth exploration.

Task 3

- Write a diary entry: A day in the life of...a Lacadonys child or day in the life of a child living in Taxco.
- You must include what you have learnt about the locations and ideas from the role play

General Structure	My diary from a ----- point of view
Paragraph 1: Introduction - Summarise your day! - What are your overall feelings and thoughts? - Chat to the reader	
Paragraph 2: Event 1 - How did your day start? What were the things you did when you got up? How did you feel? What were your thoughts? What was the weather like? What could you hear?	
Paragraph 3: Event 2 - What was the main event of the day? How did you feel? What were your thoughts? What was the weather like? What could you hear?	
Paragraph 4: Event 3 - What did you do when you got home? How did you feel? What were your thoughts? What was the weather like? What could you hear?	
Paragraph 5: Conclusion - What are your final statements about the day? What do you hope for tomorrow?	