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Why people live where they do (South Africa)

Rural and urban settlements



A rural settlement is one in which people are involved in **primary activities**, such as farming, fishing, forestry and mining. There are not many buildings or roads in rural areas and there are very few services, such as electricity, piped water, schools and hospitals.

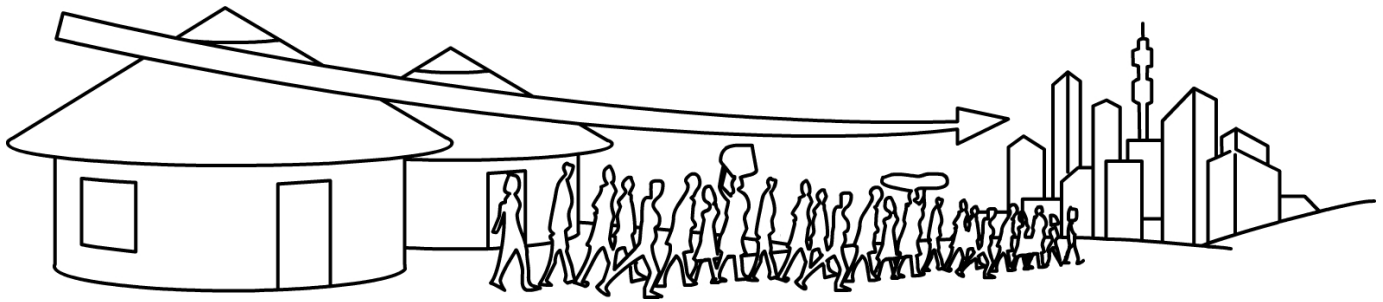
An urban settlement is one in which people are involved in **secondary and tertiary activities**, such as banking, teaching and business. There are lots of buildings and transport routes in urban areas and there are many services available, such as electricity, piped water, schools and hospitals.



Rural – urban migration

Many people living in the rural areas move to urban areas as they believe that the city can offer them a better quality of life. Some of the reasons for this movement are:

- Job opportunities and more money
- More services such as electricity, piped water, schools and hospitals
- Better housing and transport options
- Entertainment such as movies, restaurants and shopping malls



Activity 7

Read the extract and then answer the following questions:

Life was very tough in the village. We did not have enough land to farm for a living. There were some jobs on the farms nearby but the wages were very low. We were often without water and if you were sick you suffered because the hospital was far away. Village life can be very boring. We have one bar and that is all.

My cousin got me a job in a factory in Johannesburg. I earn much more money than I could in the rural areas. My wife sells fruit at the school. The kids are in school. If they are sick, they get good care at the clinic.

When I first came, I stayed with my cousin. Now I have built my own place on some vacant land near the river. The city has its problems but I feel I have a chance of improving my life here. I can also provide a better future for my children.

List all the factors that caused this man to leave the rural areas (these are called PUSH factors) and all the factors that attracted him to the city (these are called PULL factors).

PUSH FACTORS	PULL FACTORS