Street Detectives

Maps

A map is a picture or drawing that shows the location of human and physical features. Maps often include symbols, instead of words, to show important features. These can be pictures or letters. A key explains what the map symbols mean.

Key

✝	abbey	🚻	public toilet
🚐	caravan site	🚶	sports centre
✿	gardens	☆	tourist feature
HC	heritage centre	V	visitor centre

Features of a settlement

A settlement is a place where people live and work. Settlements have some common features, such as housing and industries, but can also be very different. A settlement will have some human features and some physical features.

Physical features form naturally.

river

woodland

hills

beach

Human features are man-made.

church

bus shelter

train station

park

People in the community

There are many people who work in, and help to look after, the community.

firefighter

police officer

teacher

librarian

Caring for the community

A community is made up of the people who live there. People in a community may have some similarities and differences but all people should be treated with kindness, compassion and respect. It is also important to look after the environment in a community. Removing litter and planting new bulbs are great ways to keep the community a nice place to live.

'No littering' sign

'Clean up after your dog' sign

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Changing communities

A community can change over time. How people shop is one way a community might have changed. In the past, people shopped at smaller shops like the examples below. Now, most people do their shopping at supermarkets or online.

Grocer's
Foods like butter, cheese and eggs were bought from the grocer's shop. Customers were served by a grocer.

Bakery
Bread and cakes were bought from the bakery. They were baked fresh every day at the back of the shop.

Sweet shop
Sweets were bought from the sweet shop. They were kept in jars behind the counter and weighed out using scales.

Butcher's
Meat was bought from the butcher's shop. The butcher would cut the meat so that the customer could get the right amount.

Materials

The human features of a settlement can be made from natural and man-made materials.

Natural materials

Natural materials are dug out of the ground, grown or taken from a living thing.

slate

stone

wood

straw

Man-made materials

Man-made materials are made by people. They are often made from natural materials but have been changed to have different properties.

concrete

glass

plastic

paper

Glossary

community	A group of people living in the same area.
feature	An interesting or important part of something.
industry	An organisation that sells something or helps us do something.
key	A key shows what the symbols on a map mean.
litter	Things that have been thrown away onto the ground.
material	Anything that is used to build or make something else.
route	A set of directions that can be used to get from one place to another.
property	A quality of a substance or material that helps us decide how it can be used.
settlement	A place where people live and work.
symbol	A shape, sign or object that represents something else, such as a cross being used to represent a church.

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