

Places Shape Lives

Notice how land and resources affect where people live and work.

2.5b “The location of physical features and natural resources often affects where people settle and may affect how those people sustain themselves.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each physical feature or natural resource. Circle words that tell how people use it to earn money or meet needs, and number the three communities 1, 2, and 3.

Three Places to Live

- ① Riverbend grew beside a wide river. The river gave people fresh water and a way to move boats. Farmers nearby used the flat, rich soil to grow corn. Many families settled there because water and farmland were close.
- ② Pine Hollow sits near a forest and low hills. Trees provide wood for building and making paper. Some people work in careful forest jobs, while others raise goats on grassy slopes. The forest and land help families earn money.
- ③ Bayport is on the coast, next to a sheltered bay. The bay has fish, and its calm water is a safe place for boats. Fishers sell their catch, and other workers repair boats. People settled near the bay to use the water.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What two things made Riverbend a good place for many families to settle?

2 How do people in Pine Hollow and Bayport use different natural resources to earn money?

3 Why did people settle near Bayport's sheltered bay?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine a new community. Write three sentences that tell about one physical feature or natural resource, why people settle there, and how people earn money or meet needs there.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline each physical feature or natural resource. Circle words that tell how people use it to earn money or meet needs, and number the three communities 1, 2, and 3. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What two things made Riverbend a good place for many families to settle?	The wide river gave fresh water, and the flat, rich soil gave farmers land to grow corn.
2	How do people in Pine Hollow and Bayport use different natural resources to earn money?	In Pine Hollow, people use trees for wood and raise goats on grassy slopes. In Bayport, fishers sell fish, and other workers repair boats.
3	Why did people settle near Bayport's sheltered bay?	They settled there to use the fish and the calm water, which was safe for boats.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Lakeview is beside a lake with fresh water and fish. Families build homes near the shore because they can get water easily. Some people catch fish to sell, and others rent boats.

Accept answers that connect a real physical feature or natural resource to both settlement and how people meet needs or earn money. For the open response, accept any sensible community example with all three required connections.