**Y7: Why do settlements start?**



1. What site have you chosen?

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1. Explain why.

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1. Look at the figure below showing settlement sites A – E.



Describe the advantages and disadvantages of settling at each of sites A – E.

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| **Site** | **Advantages** | **Disadvantages** |
| **A** |  |  |
| **B** |  |  |
| **C** |  |  |
| **D** |  |  |
| **E** |  |  |

**Good and bad places to settle!**

The diagram you have been given shows the location of five different settlement sites. Using the statements in the table below, decide what the advantages and disadvantages are for ONE of the five sites. Write them in the respective advantages / disadvantages column on the other handout with the diagram.

**Advantages**

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| **Access to river** Easy to cross by foot at a ford or by bridge | **Shelter**On a south facing slope there is more sun and shelter from the north wind | **Dry Site**Must not flood easily or be marshy | **Fresh water**Either from a river or spring for drinking, cooking and washing |
| **Good soil** Fertile and well drained, away from the floodplain | **Building Materials**Be near a wood or rocky hillside for wood and stone. | **Flat land**Easy to build on and grow crops | **Defensive site**Good views from hilltop to see advancing enemies |
| **Supply of wood**Needed for fuel to cook and keep warm |

**Disadvantages**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Flat land**Land may flood | **Water**No fresh water for drinking | **Infertile land**Not good enough for planting crops | **Marsh land**Not good enough for building on |
| **Exposed site**No shelter from the weather or enemies | **Too far form forest**No building materials | **Hilly**Too hilly for farming or building |  |

