#### Knowledge Organiser • Slums • Year 5

Vocabulary		
Slum	An informal, densely populated and usually illegal settlement that is inhabited (lived in) by the urban poor.	
Settlement	A place where people establish (set up) a community.	
Densely populated	Many people living in an area, crowded.	
Inhabitant	A person who lives in an area.	
Urbanisation	The process whereby an increasing proportion of people live in towns and cities.	
Urban	Towns and cities	
Rural	Countryside	
Migration	The movement of people (or animals) from one place to another.	
Push factors	Negative factors that encourage people to leave a particular place.	
Pull factors	Positive factors that attract people to a particular place.	
Services	A system provided for people, such as transport, education, internet, electricity.	
Inequality	Difference or inconsistency	
Quality of life	The level of overall wellbeing of an individual, community or a country. It is made up of many factors, including wealth, health, rights and education.	
Standard of living	The level of wealth and material goods that an individual, community or country has access to. This is a numerical value, usually measured in US dollars.	

#### **UN-HABITAT Definition of Slums**

A settlement that is lacking in (missing) one of the following: safe housing; sufficient living space; easy and affordable access to safe water; access to sanitation; the legal right to the home.

#### Synonyms for Slums

- Squatter settlement
- Township (South Africa)
- Shanty town
- Favela (Brazil)

#### UPP: Rio de Janeiro's Favelas

The UPP (Pacification Police Units) were introduced in 2008 to reduce crime and violence in the favelas. Initially they were very successful.

### The World's Five Largest Slums

It is estimated that between 900 million and 1.6 billion people live in slums around the world.

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Orangi Town (Karachi, Pakistan)	2.4 million	
Neza (Mexico City, Mexico)	1.2 million	
Dharavi (Mumbai, India)	1 million	
Kibera (Nairobi, Kenya)	700 thousand	
Khayelitsha (Cape Town, South Africa)	400 thousand	

## Rocinha Favela (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

In Rio de Janeiro, over 20% of people live in favela

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Population	Estimated: 150 thousand to 300 thousand people (it is hard to know exactly how many people live in the favela)
Location	On a steep slope in the southern part of the city.
Area	Less than 2.5km2 (making the area very densely populated)
Famous for	Improvements to quality of life of residents, but also crime and drug-related violence

#### 54% of the World's Population Now Lives in Cities

% of the population living in urban areas



Push Factors

# Pull Factors

- few services
- · lack of job opportunities
- unhappy life
- poor transport links
- natural disasters
- wars
- shortage of food
- access to services
- better job opportunities
- more entertainment facilities
- better transport links
- improved living conditions
- hope for a better way of life
- family links