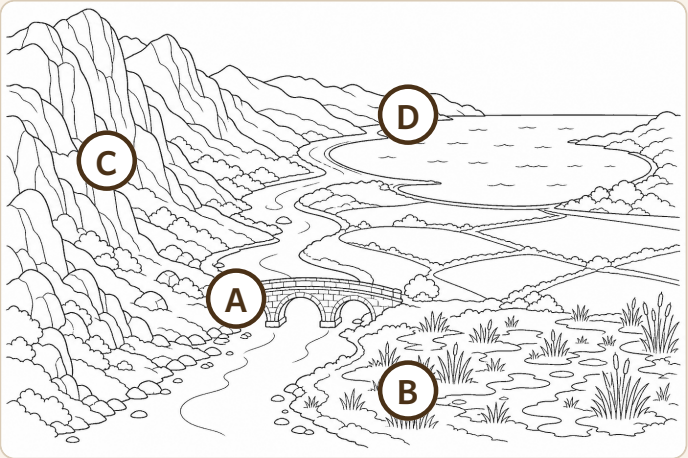
Where would you put a town?

Why towns are where they are

Name _____ Date _____

CHOOSE A SPOT

This is a river valley with no town in it yet. Where would you put a new town? Circle its letter.



Tick the reasons that fit the place you circled.

- ☐ It is beside a river or the sea.
- ☐ The land looks flat and good for building.
- ☐ There is fresh water nearby.
- ☐ It sits on higher ground that is easier to defend.
- ☐ Boats could shelter in a bay or harbour here.

CAUSE AND EFFECT

Finish the chain. Why did people often build a town at a river crossing?

The river was easier to cross at one place	→	**so travellers and traders …**	→	**so a settlement grew there because …**
People and carts could get from one bank to the other.		_____		_____

EXPLAIN

Write about one real town from the board. Say what the land offered there.

One real town sits at … because the land gives …

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Key words

landscape · fresh water · harbour · opportunity · settlement