



Primate City

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A city that is twice as big as the second biggest city in the country, e.g. Dublin

Urbanisation

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The growth of urban areas

Satellite Town

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A town that is close to a major city, e.g. Tallaght

Central Business District

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The centre of the city where all the major banks, offices, and department stores are found





Urban Decline

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When areas of a city are abandoned and fall into disrepair

Urban Sprawl

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The rapid spread of housing from the cities outwards into the countryside

Urban Renewal

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When old, inner-city areas are refurbished to prevent urban decline

Urban Redevelopment

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When old buildings are knocked down and newer ones are built in their place





Middens

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Rubbish heaps
left by early
settlers

Ring Forts

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A farmstead built
by early settlers

Fulacht Fia

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Cooking pits
used by early
settlers

Hill Fort

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A defensive fort
built on a hilltop





Promontory Fort

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Forts built on
small headlands
along the coast

Crannóg

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Forts built on
small islands in
lakes

Rural Settlement

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A group of
houses in the
countryside

Nucleated Settlement

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A cluster of
houses





Linear Settlement

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Houses built in a line along a road

Dispersed Settlement

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Houses individually scattered along the countryside

Urban Settlement

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A built-up area of high population such as a town or city

Plantations

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The colonisation organised by the British government

