

Land Use

Chapter 6: Land Use · Topic 1

Key Concept

Agricultural land use involves land dedicated to growing crops and raising livestock, often the largest land use category in many regions.

Forest land use includes areas covered by trees, providing timber, biodiversity, and important environmental services like oxygen production.

Settlement land use includes areas developed for housing and urban infrastructure, expanding as populations grow.

Balancing different land uses is important for sustainable development, ensuring enough land for food, housing, and environmental protection.

Quick Revision Notes

- Agricultural land use: crops, livestock.
- Often largest land use category.
- Forest land use: tree-covered areas.
- Provides timber, biodiversity, oxygen.
- Settlement land use: housing, urban infrastructure.
- Expands as populations grow.
- Balancing land uses is important.
- This ensures sustainable development.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss the land use pattern in your area.
- 2 Research the percentage of land used for agriculture in your country.
- 3 Discuss why forests are an important land use.
- 4 Discuss the challenges of balancing land uses.
- 5 Draw a pie chart of land use in a sample region.
- 6 Explain sustainable land use in your own words.