

Large Numbers and Travel Distances

Chapter 1: We the Travellers–I · Topic 1

Key Concept

Distances between cities are often measured in hundreds or thousands of kilometres, requiring us to read, write, and compare large numbers accurately.

For example, the distance from Delhi to Mumbai is approximately 1,400 km, while Delhi to Chennai is approximately 2,200 km - comparing these numbers tells us Chennai is farther.

Understanding large numbers helps us make sense of real-world distances, like planning a trip or understanding geography.

We can add or subtract large distance numbers to plan multi-city trips or calculate how much farther one destination is compared to another.

Quick Revision Notes

- City distances are often in hundreds or thousands of km.
- Delhi to Mumbai is about 1,400 km.
- Delhi to Chennai is about 2,200 km.
- Comparing these numbers shows Chennai is farther.
- Large numbers help understand real-world distances.
- We can add distances to plan multi-city trips.
- We can subtract distances to compare destinations.
- This connects large number skills to geography.

Practice Questions

- 1 Find the distance between two cities you know.
- 2 Add two city distances to find a total trip distance.
- 3 Compare two distances using subtraction.
- 4 Research the distance from your city to the national capital.
- 5 Plan a simple multi-city trip and calculate the total distance.
- 6 Discuss why understanding large numbers helps with travel.