Day 1

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1. Which word in the first sentence means the same as towns or villages?

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2. In what year was the Norman conquest?

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3. Which **two** activities does the text say were 'really important' 700 years ago?

a)_____   b) _____

Day 2

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1. According to the text, what has caused the sizes of settlements to change?

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2. **Find** and **copy** the names of two towns that were amongst the largest in England 700 years ago

a) _____   b) _____

3. '… places have risen or fallen in the rankings.'
What does the word **rankings** mean?

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