

KEY VOCABULARY

settlement

a place **where people live**

urban

an area **where a large number of people live** near to each other: urban areas have lots of buildings and roads

rural

an **area located outside of towns and cities**, sometimes called the countryside: people often live far apart in rural areas

suburban

an area **on the edges of towns and cities** where people live: suburban areas often have green space and homes often have gardens

population

the **number of people** living in an area

dense population

**many people** living in an area, homes are close to one another

sparse population

**few people** living in an area, homes are spread out

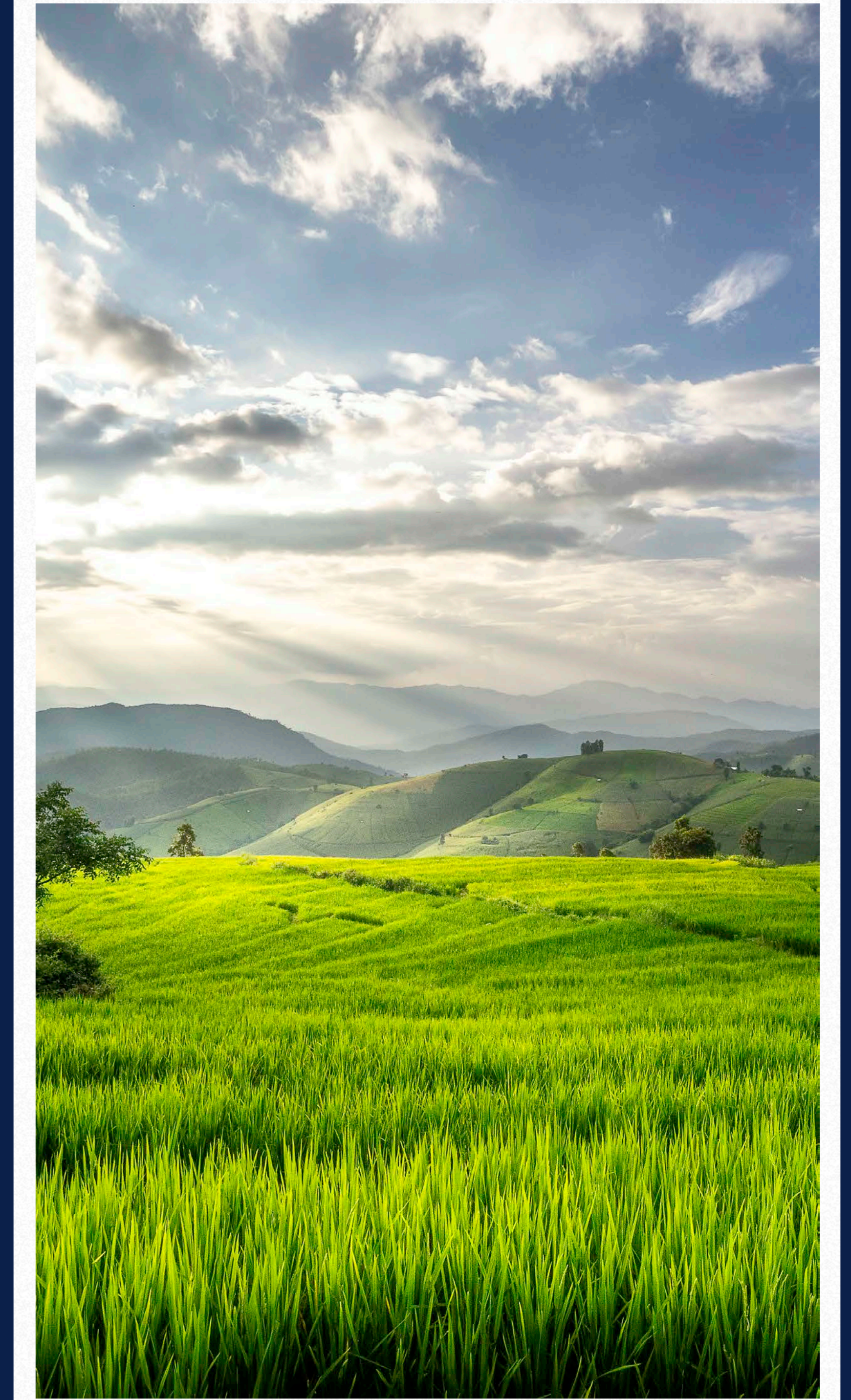
conurbation

an urban area that has developed when the **suburban areas of several towns or cities merged**

urban area



rural area



hamlet



a small settlement with a very small number of homes and no services

village



a group of houses in the countryside, sometimes with a church and small shop

town



a place where there are lots of houses and shops: a town may have a local council that makes decisions for the people who live there

city



a city is a large urban area where lots of people live close to each other: there are often lots of shops and services in a city