

Place Names of Port Moresby: Meaning Beneath the Map

Part 1: Reading Comprehension

1. According to the article, why do many people overlook the meanings of place names today?

2. Who originally named many of the places in Port Moresby, and why were the names important to them?

3. What does the article suggest happens when we take time to understand place names?

Part 2: Place Names and Meanings

Match each place name with its meaning.

Place Name	Meaning
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| 1. Konedobu | <input type="checkbox"/> A. Strike the sky |
| 2. Hanuabada | <input type="checkbox"/> B. Little beach |
| 3. Porebada | <input type="checkbox"/> C. Deep beach |
| 4. Taikone | <input type="checkbox"/> D. Big village |
| 5. Touaguba | <input type="checkbox"/> E. Big sandbank |

Part 3: Short Answer

1. Why was Konedobu described as a “deep beach,” and how was this useful information?

2. How does the name Touaguba show that place names were used for more than description?

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3. What does the traditional name **Era Kurukuruna** mean, and what does it describe?

Part 4: Thinking About Language and Culture

1. Choose one place name from the article and explain how its meaning reflects the land or its history.

2. Why do you think Motuan place names often describe physical features like beaches, hills, or plants?

Part 5: Reflection (3–5 sentences)

How does knowing the meaning of place names change the way you see Port Moresby?

Optional Extension Activity

- Choose a place in your community.
 - Ask an elder or research what its name means.
 - Write one paragraph explaining its meaning and why it matters.