

### ***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?

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

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

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#### **Part 2: Place Names and Meanings**

Match each place name with its meaning.

<b>Place Name</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
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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?

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

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

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#### **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.

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

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#### **Part 5: Reflection (3–5 sentences)**

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

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#### **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.