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Causes and Consequences of Elderly Migration
Sort the cards into: 'causes' and 'consequences'
'positive' and 'negative'

People are living longer and want to move somewhere to spend their retirement.

Flat land next to the sea is easier for older people to get around on.

Coastal towns and villages can be more peaceful to live in than large cities.

Attractive scenery and views of the sea may make people want to live there.

Cleaner air and less pollution can be good for older people's health.

Services for the elderly (like cafes, shops and bingo) are often available in seaside towns.

The average age of the town's population will start increasing if more older people move there.

Young people may begin to leave as they feel the town is 'not for them' any more.

Local councils may need more money to pay for the cost of housing and services for the elderly so may have to raise taxes.

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Shops and services for young people may shut down if many young people move out of the area.

Coastal climates in the south and south west are generally warmer than other areas of the UK.

Levels of crime and vandalism may decrease in areas with an older population.

Older people still contribute to the local economy – the 'grey pound'!

The area may get stuck in a 'time warp' as older people may be more hostile to change.

People over the age of retirement may have more time to make a contribution to the local community.

Older people might want to move somewhere that has a stronger sense of community.

Some areas have better access to services and healthcare for the elderly.

Think up some of your own causes and consequences.
Write them in the boxes below.