

## WORLD POPULATION - KEY

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1. How many people live on Earth at the moment? **8 billion**
2. Why was the Earth's population constant for a long time in history? **people didn't have enough to eat; died at an early age**
3. How many people lived on Earth at the time of Christ's birth? **300 million**
4. What happened during the Black Death? Who brought it to Europe? **killed a third of Europe's population; brought to Europe from Asia by sailors**
5. When did the world's population start to grow rapidly? Name a few reasons for it? **during the Industrial Revolution ; more food, new types of medicine, better health care, cleaner drinking water**
6. What happened in developed and developing countries in the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century?  
**developed countries: birth rate went down , population growth slowed**  
**developing countries : birth rate stayed high; better medical help, lower death rates**
7. What is the world's population growth rate at the moment? **1.1% per year**
8. Which country has overtaken China as the world's most populous country? **India**
9. Which continent has the most inhabitants? **Asia**
10. Why does most of the world's population live in the northern hemisphere? **most of the world's landmasses are north of the equator**
11. Name reasons for certain areas to be more densely populated than others? **moderate temperatures , good farming conditions, good soils, raw materials**
12. What can population pyramids tell you? **how many people there are in a certain age group**
13. What are baby boomers? **people who were born between the end of World War II and the middle of the 1960s**
14. Which countries or areas have fast-growing populations? **African countries**
15. What problems do European countries have with their population? **high number of old people, not enough people in the work force to pay for pensions**
16. Which proportion of the world's population lives in urban areas? **about half**
17. Name a few of the world's megacities? **Mexico City, Tokyo, Delhi Shanghai etc..**
18. Name a few reasons that pull people into cities? **more and better jobs, educational opportunities, better living standards, better health care**
19. Name a few reasons that push people away from rural areas? **low income, not enough raw materials, quality of farming land is getting worse**

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20. Why did China start a one-child policy? 1979
21. How many children are Chinese couples allowed to have today? 3
22. Name a few of the big migration movements in history. Eastern Europe to Western Europe after the collapse of Communism, Mexico to the USA, Middle East to Europe, Ireland to America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century
23. Where did migrants in the 2015 crisis come from ? Syria
24. What happened in Ireland in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> century? there was a famine, not enough food to eat; people went to America
25. Why do some countries depend on foreigners? they need foreigners for their economy
26. How has the status of women changed in the developed world? more women go to work; they have fewer children; have a better social status
27. What is the key factor for helping women in Africa and other poorer countries? education, better schools
28. What are the problems of an ageing society ? countries need better health care; more old people's homes, spend more money on pensions
29. Name a few dangers of overpopulation. drinking water in cities, soil is getting worse in the countryside, poverty, unemployment
30. How has the Green Revolution helped farmers? better farming methods, more machines