

WORLD POPULATION – WORD LIST

- **A.D.** = the year when Jesus Christ was born
- **abortion** = an operation that kills an unborn baby
- **adult** = a grown up
- **ageing society** = population that is getting older all the time
- **AIDS** = a disease, in which your body cannot protect itself from infections; you usually die after a certain time
- **although** =while
- **attract** = to make interested
- **average** = usually, normally
- **baby boomer** = person born between the end of World War II and the middle of the 1960s
- **base** = the lowest part of the pyramid
- **berry** = small soft fruit
- **billion** = one thousand million
- **birth** =the time at which a baby is born
- **birth control** = family planning
- **birth control pill** = a pill that you take so that you cannot get a baby
- **birth rate** = shows how many babies are born for every 1,000 people in a year
- **carbon dioxide** = the gas that you produce when you breathe out or when you burn something
- **care for** = take care of
- **care unit** = places where people look after you
- **carry on** =keep
- **cause** =lead to, to be the reason for
- **century** = a hundred years
- **certain** =special
- **childhood** = the time when you are a child
- **citizen** = a person who lives in a country and has rights there
- **coastal regions** = places where land meets the sea
- **conditions** =situation
- **continue** = go on
- **course** =as something moves or goes on
- **create** = make
- **crops** =a plant that farmers grow and use or sell as food
- **deal** = to buy and sell
- **death rate** = shows the number of deaths for every 1,000 people in a year
- **decade** = ten years
- **declining** =going down
- **dense** = crowded, with many people in one place
- **density** =the number of people that live in a certain place
- **depend on** =need
- **descendant** = someone who is from a family that lived a long time ago
- **destroy** =to damage completely
- **developed countries** = the richer countries of the First World
- **developing countries** = poor countries of the Third World
- **disease** = illness
- **double** = to become twice as big or twice as much
- **drop** = go down
- **economic** =about the economy
- **economy** =the buying and selling of things in a country
- **educated** = if you have gone to school
- **elderly** = old
- **especially** =above all
- **evenly** =divided equally
- **face** = to have a problem
- **famine** = when many people don't have enough to eat for a longer time
- **feed** = to give food to a person or an animal
- **female** =relating to a woman

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- **fertility rate** = the number of children that a woman has during her life
- **fewer** =less, a smaller amount
- **fight off** =to keep away
- **follow** = to do what the government says
- **foreigner** = a person from another country
- **former** = earlier
- **gather** = collect
- **global warming** = it is getting warmer in the atmosphere because of more carbon dioxide
- **government** =the people who rule a country
- **Green Revolution** = the time when farmers started producing more and more food because they had better machines
- **growth** =how something grows or gets bigger
- **health care** =the system that looks after the health of all people in a country
- **higher chances** = better chances
- **homeless** = without a place to live
- **household chores** = the things that you have to do in the house
- **human beings** = people
- **illegal** = not allowed, against the law
- **illegal immigration** = if you enter another country but you are not allowed to
- **illness** = disease
- **immigrant** = a person who goes to another country to live and work there
- **including** =also, together with
- **income** = the money you get for your work
- **industries** = here : factories
- **infant mortality** = the number of babies that die before they are one year old , based on one thousand births
- **inhabit** =to live in a place
- **inhabitants** = same as "population"
- **key factor** = very important thing
- **labor force** =all the people who go to work in a country
- **landmass** = large areas of land
- **law** =the rules that a country has
- **lead** =to have something as a result
- **life expectancy** = the number of years that a person will live when he or she is born
- **living standard** = the way people live and how much money they have
- **lower** =drop fall
- **mainly** =mostly
- **male** =relating to a man
- **mark** =number
- **married couple** = husband and wife
- **megacity** = very big city with millions of people
- **methods** = ways, systems
- **mine** = to get coal or other things from the ground
- **minority** = a small group of people in a country
- **moderate** = not too hot and not too cold
- **movement** =here: change in place, travel
- **narrow** =not wide, thin
- **native** = the country where you were born
- **old people's homes** = houses and buildings where old people live and where doctors and nurses look after them
- **overcrowded** = a place with too many people
- **partly** =somewhat, in part
- **pass on** =give to
- **peak** = highest point

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- **pension** = the money that you get from the government when you are too old to work
- **pensioner** = someone who does not work anymore because he is too old; he gets money from the state.
- **period** = age, time
- **plague** = a disease that spreads very fast and kills many people
- **policy** = the government's way of doing something
- **populated** = people living in a place
- **population** = the number of people living in a place
- **potato** = a round white vegetable with a brown skin that grows under the ground
- **pregnant** = if a woman has a baby growing in her body
- **present** = now, at this time
- **probably** = likely, you expect something to happen
- **productive** = to produce or make a lot
- **pull** = draw towards you
- **punish** = to make someone suffer because they have done something wrong or illegal
- **push** = move away from you
- **raise animals** = to look after them and then sell them as food
- **rapid** = fast
- **rate** = speed
- **raw material** = things that exist in nature and can be used by people ; like coal, oil or wood
- **reach** = get to
- **reason** = cause, explanation, why something happens
- **refugee** = someone who has to leave their own country , mostly because of a war
- **retire** = to stop working because you are too old
- **risk** = to do something dangerous
- **rural** = everything that has to do with the countryside
- **set free** = escape, move into
- **slow down** = become slower
- **social** = easy to meet people and form relationships
- **social unrest** = when people behave in a violent way
- **soil** = the top part of the earth on which crops can grow
- **Soviet Union** = the largest country in the world—it fell apart in 1991 after the end of Communism
- **sparsely** = opposite of densely
- **spread** = distribute
- **spread** = move to other places
- **square kilometre** = one kilometre in four directions
- **starvation** = to die because you don't have enough to eat
- **strict** = exact; something that you must do or follow
- **survive** = to live on
- **take up** = absorb
- **tax** = the money that you have to pay to the government
- **tools** = something that you hold in your hand and need to do a special job
- **top** = the highest part of the pyramid
- **unemployment** = if you cannot get a job
- **urban** = everything that has to do with cities
- **victim** = here: people who die of AIDS
- **whereas** = but, while
- **zero growth** = if something does not grow any more