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## Overpopulation

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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Overpopulation is a real problem. It could kill the Earth. Very soon, there will be too many people and not enough land. There won't be enough farms to grow food for everyone. We'll eat all of the fish in the sea. And our pollution will cause more global warming. I think we are in a very serious situation. I don't know what the answer is. Our leaders don't seem too worried. They never see the bigger picture. The world's population is exploding, and explosions cause great damage. More and more people are living longer and longer. We have better medicines. Our scientists have found cures to many diseases. There are many reasons. What we really need to do is think about how overpopulation is damaging the Earth.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **CORRECT THE SPELLING**

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## UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

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# STUDENT OVERPOPULATION SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about overpopulation in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.





## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about overpopulation. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about overpopulation. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. OVERPOPULATION POSTER** Make a poster about overpopulation. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY OVERPOPULATION LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on overpopulation. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on overpopulation. Share your findings with the class.

