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## Population

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Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.

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## THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/p/population.html>

The world's population is getting bigger and bigger. There's a population explosion in some countries. I'm not sure if this is good or bad. The Earth can only support a limited number of people. One day, the world's population will be too big to feed everyone. When that happens, we'll have food wars and water wars. Many years ago, the population was controlled by famines, a shorter lifespan, disease and other natural causes. We are richer now and so we can control how long we live. This is already causing problems in some countries. Japan, for example, has almost more retired people than working people. This means workers can't make enough money to look after old people.



## 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. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
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6. \_\_\_\_\_

# STUDENT POPULATION SURVEY

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/p/population.html>

Write five GOOD questions about population 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 population. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

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

**5. MY POPULATION LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on population. 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 population. Share your findings with the class.

