



7 BILLION

Level: Pre-intermediate (equivalent to CEF level A2)

Age: Teenagers / Adults

Time: 60 minutes

Summary: This infographic lesson looks at interesting facts and figures about world population.

Materials: One copy of the worksheet per student; access to a projector or IWB to project the infographic from onestopenglish, or one printed copy of it per student.

HOW TO USE THE LESSON

1 Write the following numbers on the board: 15 – 150 – 1,500 – 15,000 – 150,000 – 1,500,000 – 1,000,000,000 (one billion). Ask students to work in pairs and say the numbers. Check and drill the answers. Ask students to work in pairs or a group of three and answer the questions in exercise 1 together.

2 You could give students the infographic as a printed worksheet or display it on the board from the Global website. If students use a worksheet, ask them to read the text and then turn over their pages when they have finished. If you project the infographic, slowly scroll down allowing everyone to read the information. Then remove the image. Students work in pairs or small groups to complete the sentences with the relevant number.

3 Let students look at the worksheet (or show the infographic) when they have finished to check their answers.

4 Ask students to look at exercise 4. Do the first one as an example: *good – bad*. Students work in pairs or small groups and match each adjective with its opposite. Now ask the students to write the comparative and superlative forms of each. Do the first as an example: *good – better – the best*. You may want to go over the rules of comparative and superlative formation. When going through answers, point out that although the opposite of *populated* is *unpopulated*, we would say *less / least populated* as the comparative and superlative forms rather than *more / most unpopulated* – as *unpopulated* means there is no one there at all, it cannot have a comparative or superlative form. As an extra activity you could draw a

table with four columns on the board. Write these four headings for each column:

One-syllable adjectives

Two or more syllables

Two-syllable adjectives ending in -y

Irregular adjectives

Students write the adjective and its comparative and superlative forms in the appropriate column. Check the answers and write them on the board and drill pronunciation.

5 Ask students to complete the sentences with either a comparative or superlative adjective from the table.

6 Prepare some sentences about three countries with comparative and superlative forms before the lesson. Demonstrate the activity with students before they begin. Students write their sentences individually and then compare them in pairs or small groups. If you have a strong group you may like to ask students to continue comparing the places or exchanging other information about them.

Key:

1 *Students' own answers.*

2	3	
1		<i>two thirds</i>
2		<i>1.2</i>
3		<i>6</i>
4		<i>60</i>
5		<i>37</i>
6		<i>1.3</i>
7		<i>11</i>
8		<i>8</i>



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Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good	better	the best
big	bigger	biggest
beautiful	more beautiful	the most beautiful
warm	warmer	the warmest
far	farther / further	the farthest / the furthest
interesting	more interesting	the most interesting
populated	more populated	the most populated
bad	worse	the worst
small	smaller	the smallest
ugly	uglier	the ugliest
cold	colder	the coldest
near	nearer	the nearest
dull	duller	the dullest
unpopulated	less populated	the least populated

RELATED WEBSITES

The following websites might be useful for either you or your students.

www.un.org/en/events/populationday/

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_population

www.census.gov/popclock/

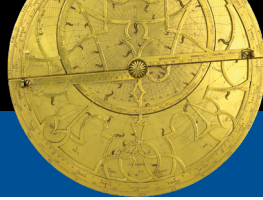
countrysometers.info/en/China

www.indiaonlinepages.com/population/india-current-population.html

One-syllable adjectives	Two or more syllables	Two-syllable adjectives ending in -y	Irregular adjectives
big, bigger, the biggest	beautiful, more beautiful, the most beautiful	ugly, uglier, the ugliest	ugly, uglier, the ugliest
small, smaller, the smallest	(un) populated, more / less populated, the most / the least populated		good, better, the best
warm, warmer, the warmest			bad, worse, the worst
cold, colder, the coldest	interesting, more interesting, the most interesting		far, further / farther, the furthest / the farthest
near, nearer, the nearest			
dull, duller, the dullest			

- 5
- 1 the biggest / the most populated
 - 2 smaller
 - 3 nearer
 - 4 the least populated

- 6 Students' own answers



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1 Answer the following questions with a partner.

- 1 What is the population of your country?
- 2 How many people live in your town?
- 3 How many people are there in your capital city?
- 4 What is the population of your continent?

2 Read the infographic about world population then turn it over. Complete the sentences with the numbers in the box.

1.2	6	37	1.3	60	two thirds	11	8
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- 1 _____ of the world's population will live in cities by the year 2050.
- 2 The population of India is _____ billion.
- 3 There were _____ billion people on Earth in 1987.
- 4 _____ % of the world's population live in Asia.
- 5 _____ % of the people on our planet live in China and India.
- 6 China's population is _____ billion.
- 7 Europe has _____ % of the world's population.
- 8 There will be _____ billion people in the world by the year 2027.

3 Now look at the infographic again and check your answers.

4 Match each adjective in the left column with its opposite on the right. Now write the comparative and superlative form for each.

Adjective	Comparative	Superlative		Adjective	Comparative	Superlative
good				dull		
big				cold		
beautiful				bad		
warm				unpopulated		
far				ugly		
interesting				near		
populated				small		

5 Complete the sentences using a comparative or superlative form from exercise 4.

- 1 China is _____ country in the world.
- 2 Europe is _____ than Asia.
- 3 Moscow is _____ to Bucharest than Buenos Aires.
- 4 Oceania is _____ continent in the world.

6 Choose three cities, countries or continents. Write comparative and superlative sentences about them. Now compare answers with a partner.



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- 6** 1987 - there were 6 billion people on our planet
- 7** 2015 - today there are 7 billion of us.
- 8** 2027 - there will be an estimated 8 billion of us.

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The world's most populated countries

China

With a population of more than 1.3 billion, China is the most populated country in the world. The Chinese government has a one-child policy to control the increase in population. This means that there are rewards for couples who have only one child. There are more males than females in China.

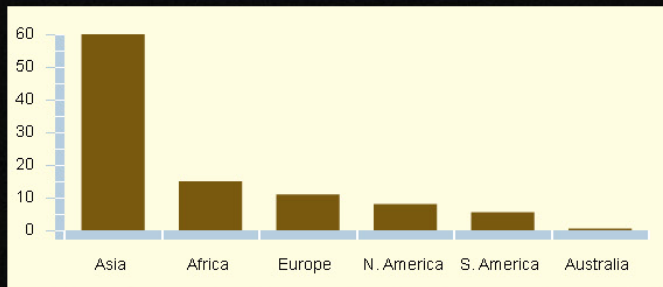


India

India is the second most populated country with a population of over 1.2 billion. 50% of the population are 25 years old or under. There are more males than females in India.

The combined populations of China and India account for 37% of the total world population.

Population by Continent



The most populous continent is Asia with 60% of the world's population. The second most populated is Africa with 15%, followed by Europe with 11%. North America, which includes Central America and the Caribbean, has 8%. South America has 5.5%. The least populated continent is Oceania with only 0.5%.

Cities



According to a recent United Nations population publication, two thirds of our planet's inhabitants will live in cities by the year 2050.



Our population will continue to grow but more slowly.

The 11th of July is World Population Day. On this day we will celebrate an ideal world in which every pregnancy will be wanted and every birth will be safe. There is a different theme for the day every year. The theme for 2014 was Reproductive Health. The theme for 2015 is Vulnerable Populations in Emergencies.