

Unit 7: WORLD POPULATION- PART I

Interviewer: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. In our program tonight, we are honoured to have Dr. Brown, a world famous (1) _____ expert. Dr. Brown, could you tell us something about the world population?

Dr. Brown: Well, there are over (2) _____ million people in the world today, and the total is increasing at the rate of about 76 million a year. Experts say that the population of the world could be over 7 billion by the year 2015.

Interviewer: Do all parts of the world have the same (3) _____ of population growth?

Dr. Brown: No, they don't. The population is (4) _____ more quickly in some parts of the world than others. Latin America ranks first, Africa second, and Asia third.

Interviewer: What is the main reason for the population (5) _____?

Dr. Brown: Well, I think the main reason is a fall in death rates. This is due to the (6) _____ of the living conditions and medical care.

Interviewer: I believe the explosion of population has (7) _____ many problems. Is it right?

Dr. Brown: Yes, it is. It caused a lot of problems such as shortage of food, lack of hospitals and schools, (8) _____, and low living standards.

Interviewer: Can you make some (9) _____ on how to solve these problems?

Dr. Brown: I think, there are a number of solutions to the problems. The first is to educate people and make them aware of the danger of having more children. The second is to provide safe, (10) _____ birth-control methods. The third is to strictly implement a family planning policy. And the fourth is to exercise strict and fair reward and punishment policies.

Interviewer: Thank you very much for being with us tonight, Dr. Brown.

Dr. Brown: You're welcome.