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Listen to a National Geographic presenter and match the ideas from 1 to 3 with options a, b, and c.



- 1 Whenever the population is too big, a disaster reduces it.
- 2 Many people will die because there will not be enough food.
- 3 Science and technology will find a solution.

- a the speaker
- b Thomas Malthus
- c Paul Ehrlich





**Listen to the speaker and check if the ideas are TRUE or False**



- 1 The speaker has some ideas for action which can ☐ immediately solve the problem of overpopulation. ☐
- 2 Paul Ehrlich thought that we should control the number of babies being born. ☐
- 3 There will be 7 billion people in the world by the middle of the century. ☐
- 4 Nanotechnology has saved the world from mass starvation.
- 5 Earth does not have space for 9 billion people. ☐
- 6 The growth in the "global middle class" will put big pressure on resources. ☐
- 7 According to the speaker, people are basically lazy. ☐

**Do you share the speakers' faith on science and technology?**

1. Medical science has extended life expectancy
2. Mass starvation hasn't happened because science offered better seeds and pesticides too boost food production
3. Nanotechnology will offer cheaper food
4. New megacities may not be nice places to live because of how people consume resources
5. 2030 many people will eat a lot of meat and drive big cars, this will be a big problem for the planet
6. We need innovation and other alternative resources for the future
7. Mankind and science will bring new things to the future to cover their necessities

