

MOVING TO THE MEGACITIES!

Task 1:

What is a *megacity*? Go online if needed and write down the definition.

Task 2:

Read the article and complete the gaps a)-e) with sentences 1-5.

- 1 Luckily, China has already realised the impact that megacities could have on the environment.
- 2 Until recently there was no need to build such enormous cities in China.
- 3 Day by day, these lively new megacities keep expanding.
- 4 Some experts calculate that over 260 million people are moving, more than the entire population of a huge country like Brazil!
- 5 The rapid growth in the number of skyscrapers is an obvious demonstration of this.

Task 3:

Read the article again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where does over 50% of the Chinese population live now?
- 2 Why are Chinese cities growing?
- 3 In cities, where do most Chinese people live, and what effect does that have on the cities?
- 4 How is China trying to fight against the possible negative effects of the new cities on the environment?
- 5 In what ways are the Phoenix Towers good for the environment?



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Task 4:

Explain the following words from the text in English or give their synonyms.
Use a dictionary if necessary.

1 population -

2 majority -

3 urgent -

4 to accommodate -

5 to increase in size -

6 inhabitants -

7 nearby (adverb) -

CRITICAL THINKING

Think! Then compare ideas with your class.

- What do you think of the population moving from the country to the city?
Is it a good thing or a bad thing?
Why?



