

# THE FACE OF SEVEN BILLION PEOPLE

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There are seven billion people in the world and there are seven thousand people in this photo. Each person in the photo is equal to one million people. That's seven billion in total!

## AGE

The average age of all the people in the world is 28.

## POPULATION

Twenty per cent of the world's population live in China. There are 1.3 billion people in India.

## LANGUAGE

Fourteen per cent of the world's population speak Mandarin as their first language. Six per cent speak Spanish as their first language. Six per cent speak English as their first language, but English is a second language for one billion people.

## RELIGION

There are many different religions in the world. For example, thirty-one per cent of the world are Christian, twenty-three per cent are Muslim and fifteen per cent are Hindu.

## JOB

Forty per cent of people work in a service industry (hotels, banks, etc.), thirty-eight per cent are in agriculture and twenty-two per cent are in manufacturing and production.



## CITY AND COUNTRYSIDE

Fifty-one per cent of the world's population live in cities and forty-nine per cent live in the countryside.

**average** (adj) /'ævərɪdʒ/ usual, typical  
**(is) equal (to)** (phr) /'iːkwəl/ the same as ( $2 + 2 = 4$ , two and two equals four)

## INTERNET AND MOBILE PHONES

3.5 billion people in the world use the internet and 5.5 billion people have a mobile phone.

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## Reading

**2** Read the text about the people in the world and match the numbers in Exercise 1 with the information (1–8).

- 1 the number of people in the world
- 2 the population of India
- 3 the number of speakers of English as a second language
- 4 the percentage of Muslims
- 5 the percentage of workers in agriculture
- 6 the percentage of people in cities
- 7 the number of people with the internet
- 8 the number of people with a mobile phone

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## Vocabulary everyday verbs

Find these verbs in the text. Then complete the fact file about China with the verbs.

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### FACT FILE: China

- 1.4 billion people <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in China.
- 70% of the population <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the language of Mandarin Chinese.
- Over 1.3 billion Chinese people <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ a mobile phone.
- 25% of the population <sup>4</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ in agriculture.
- 55% of the Chinese <sup>5</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ the internet.

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## Word focus *in*

Match the sentences (1–4) with the uses of *in* (a–c).

- 1 21 million people live in Mexico City.
- 2 There are 65 million people in the United Kingdom.
- 3 40% of the population work in the service industry.
- 4 49% live in the countryside.

- a *in* + a country
- b *in* + a city or region
- c *in* + a type of work or industry

Write three sentences about people in your country using *in*.