

1. **trends** (n)

- (i) general directions that fashion, business, society, the world etc moves towards
- (ii) the name for people who move from the country into the city

(b) **food for thought** (n)

- (i) interesting issues that you need to think seriously about
- (ii) nutrition-rich food that increases your intellectual power

2. **demographics** (n)

- (i) posters and banners used to highlight the world's problems by activists at G8 and other international governmental meetings
- (ii) looking at the patterns of different groups of people, on a global level or within societies

3. **decades** (n)

- (i) when bacteria have rotted your teeth and you need to go to the dentist
- (ii) periods of ten years

4. **contraceptive** (n)

- (i) a method of birth control to prevent pregnancy, such as condoms
- (ii) when a person says (s)he will one thing, but does another totally different thing

5. **dwellers** (n)

- (i) people who have very pessimistic thoughts on the future of our planet.
- (ii) people who live somewhere

6. **mortality** (n)

- (i) being able to live forever and ever and ever
- (ii) the condition that one day we will die

1. Vocabulary

Complete the article

A United Nations report on world population _____ has provided some interesting food for thought on the future demographics of our planet. The world's population is currently 6.5 billion and is set to increase and _____ off to about 9 billion people. The report says population explosions will occur in Africa and Asia, but not in the rest of the world, "Considerable _____ exists in the expected population growth of countries. The population of many countries, particularly in Africa and Asia, will increase greatly in the coming _____." Conversely, population levels in developed countries are expected to fall, because of decreased fertility rates caused by increased _____ use.

The report also indicates half of the world's population will be city dwellers by 2007. That is a huge jump from the figure of 30% urbanization in 1993. The five most _____ cities today are Tokyo (35 million people), Mexico City (19 million), New York (18.5 million), Bombay (18.3 million) and Sao Paulo (18.3 million). In 1950 only Tokyo and New York had populations of more than 10 million people. By 2050 there will be 22 cities of that size. The report concludes, "the current population picture is one of dynamic population change, _____ in new and diverse patterns of childbearing, mortality, migration, urbanization and ageing. The continuation and consequences of these population trends present opportunities as well as _____ for all societies in the twenty-first century."

*diversity
contraceptive
trends
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Are the ideas true or false?

1. A United Nations report on world population trends talks about interesting food. T / F
2. The world's population is currently 6.5 billion. T / F
3. The report says population explosions will occur in Europe and Japan. T / F
4. The population levels in developed countries will fall because of increased contraceptive use. T / F
5. Half of the world's population will be city dwellers by 2007. T / F
6. Bombay is currently the world's most populated city. T / F
7. In 1950 only two cities had a population of over 10 million. By 2050 that number will increase to twenty-two. T / F
8. Population trends will present opportunities as well as challenges for all societies in the twenty-first century. T / F

Discuss with the class
and match the synonyms

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| (a) report | happen |
| (b) food for thought | in contrast |
| (c) occur | outcomes |
| (d) diversity | statistics |
| (e) conversely | birth control |
| (f) contraceptive | vigorous |
| (g) dwellers | leap |
| (h) jump | variety |
| (i) dynamic | document |
| (j) consequences | inhabitants |