

3 Read the information about the two places.

Mauritania, the desert nation in Africa

Area: 1,030,700 km²
(world's 29th
largest country)

Population: over three
million people

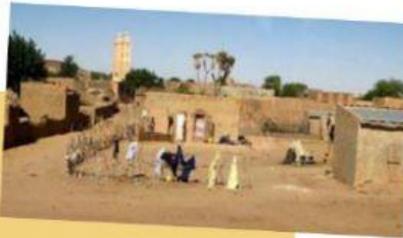
Density: three/km²

Economy: mainly agriculture

Healthcare: poor, high infant death rate

Problems: three quarters desert, slavery, child
labour, hunger

Unusual fact: obese women are considered
beautiful.



Hong Kong

Area: 1,104 km²

Population: over seven million people

Density: over six thousand/km²

Economy: service industry and tourism

Healthcare: one of the best healthcare systems in
the world

Problems: overcrowded, crime

Unusual fact: most skyscrapers in the world



4 Work in pairs. Use the information given in **3** to talk about the ways that the two places are different.

Example:

The population of Mauritania is very small, only over three million people. Hong Kong is much larger. It has more than seven million people.

