

## How much do you know about cities in the world?

# Cities of the World



- 1 What proportion of the world's population lives in cities?
  - a Over 80%.
  - b About two-thirds.
  - c Less than a third.
  - d A little over half.
- 2 Which is the world's most populated capital city?
  - a Tokyo
  - b Mexico City
  - c São Paulo
  - d New Delhi
- 3 Which was the first city to reach a population of one million?
  - a Mexico City
  - b New York
  - c London
  - d Rome
- 4 Which is the most visited capital city in the world?
  - a Paris
  - b London
  - c Rome
  - d Athens
- 5 Which is the world's oldest capital city?
  - a Baghdad
  - b Damascus
  - c Cairo
  - d Amman
- 6 Which is the world's highest capital city?
  - a La Paz (Bolivia)
  - b Lima (Peru)
  - c Quito (Ecuador)
  - d Kathmandu (Nepal)

The results of two new surveys have just been published in which people living in rural and urban areas were asked about how happy they are with where they live. Below are some of the results.

|                                                                                | Survey 1 | Survey 2 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| People who enjoy living in cities                                              | 79%      | 72%      |
| People who live in a city, but would prefer to live in a rural area            | 35%      | 43%      |
| People who live in a city, but spend as much time as possible outside the city | 47%      | 29%      |
| People who live in rural areas, but would prefer to live in a city             | 62%      | 36%      |
| Percentage of these who are under 30                                           | 84%      | -        |
| Percentage of these who are over 50                                            | 13%      | -        |

- a It appears / seems that the population of many modern industrialized cities is beginning to decline.
- b There is \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ doubt that in the future we will have to take radical action to control traffic congestion in our cities.
- c It is generally \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ that living in cities with a population of over a million people can be detrimental to our health.
- d There is little \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ that the levels of toxic pollution in the major cities in the US are beginning to decline.
- e It would \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ that the changes in weather patterns could endanger large urban populations in low-lying land areas due to the rise in sea level.
- f It has been \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ that prolonged exposure to the sun can cause skin cancer.

appear appears believed evidence  
hardly any little proof proved  
recognized seem seems shown

**Rewrite these sentences using the words in parentheses.**

- a Smoking can lead to cancer. (no doubt)

There is no doubt that smoking can lead to  
cancer.

- b Scientists in many countries believe that climate change is the greatest challenge facing our society. (widely)

- c There is evidence to suggest that the rate of population growth in China is beginning to decrease. (appears)

- d There is a general feeling that people believe governments are not doing enough about global warming. (would seem)

a Most young people prefer to live in large cities because of better and higher job opportunities.

b Older people living by themselves face hardship in big cities.

c People who live in the countryside are generally more healthy than city dwellers.

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- b. It seems that
- c. It was thought that
- d. It is reported that
- e. It has been recognized
- f. There is no doubt
- g. There is little discussion about
- h. There is no evidence that

### 1. Take some minutes to complete the ideas.

1. There is no doubt that...
2. It is believed that housing and living expenses ...
3. There is evidence to suggest that the rate of crime ...
4. There is a general feeling that the government ...
5. It is well known that tourism ...
6. \_\_\_\_\_ that most young people prefer to live in large cities because of ...
7. \_\_\_\_\_ elders in the country ...
8. \_\_\_\_\_ people who live in the countryside are generally more....

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