

6 Complete the text with the present simple or present continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

Population a (mean) means the number of people who live in a particular area. The population of the world b (not stay) the same. At the moment it c (grow) at an increasing rate. In fact, scientists d (believe) that the world population will increase until 2200, and then stop growing. However, things are not the same in all parts of the world. At present in many Western industrial countries the population e (fall). This f (happen) because families are small, and health conditions are good. In developing countries, on the other hand, the population g (rise) sharply. In Ghana, for example, most families h (have) several children. Many children in Ghana i (die) from illness, so it is important to have lots of children. They earn money for the family and j (look after) their parents in old age.



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- a Everybody (know) knows that the world's rainforests (disappear) are disappearing.
- b Although rainforests (cover) only six per cent of the Earth's land surface, they (contain) about 50% of all species of life on the planet.
- c They also (remove) carbon dioxide (CO₂) from the air and (produce) oxygen (O₂).
- d As they are important, why (they / vanish) ?
- e Most scientists (agree) that there are two main reasons.
- f First of all, the way of life in these forests (change).
- g In some forests, big companies (cut) down more and more trees (deforestation) and (cause) damage to the land.
- h In other places, another kind of deforestation (happen).
- i Here farmers (burn) more and more of the forest and (use) the land to feed cattle.
- j Now that governments (understand) the problem, they (begin) to control these activities.