

POPULATION GEOGRAPHY

 Video: American Museum of Natural History, *Human Population Through Time*, https://youtu.be/vJ5p3pZIBi4?si=Rrj12EPiO_Hy0h

Part A: Watch and Listen (While Watching)

1. What does the word **population** mean? _____

2. Approximately how many people live on Earth today? _____
3. How has the world's population changed over time?
☐ Stayed the same
☐ Slowly decreased
☐ Increased slowly at first, then very quickly
☐ Increased and then stopped
4. Name ONE reason population started growing faster in modern times. _____

5. Does population grow evenly across all countries?
☐ Yes
☐ No
Explain your answer: _____

Part B: Understanding the Big Ideas

6. In your own words, explain what **population geography** studies. _____

7. Why are some places more crowded than others? Give TWO reasons.
1. _____

2. _____

8. Why do population patterns matter? (Think about schools, hospitals, etc.)

Part C: Think Deeper

9. Imagine a country where most people live near the coast. Why might this happen?

10. If a town's population grows very quickly, what problems might happen?

Challenge Question (Optional)

If you were a population geographer, what question would YOU want to investigate?

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Part A: Watch and Listen

1. **What does population mean?**
✓ Population is the number of people living in a particular place.
2. **Approximately how many people live on Earth today?**
✓ About 8 billion people.
(Accept answers between 7–8 billion depending on video wording.)
3. **How has the world's population changed over time?**
✓ Increased slowly at first, then very quickly.
4. **ONE reason population started growing faster in modern times:**
Accept any ONE of the following:
 - Improved medicine
 - Better healthcare
 - Improved farming / more food production
 - Industrialisation
 - Cleaner water / sanitation
5. **Does population grow evenly across all countries?**
✓ No

Explanation should mention:

- Some countries grow faster than others
- Different birth rates
- Different levels of development
- Access to healthcare, food, jobs



Part B: Understanding the Big Ideas

6. **What does population geography study?**
- ✓ Where people live
 - ✓ Why they live there
 - ✓ How and why population changes over time
7. **Two reasons some places are more crowded:**
Accept any TWO:
- Jobs
 - Good climate
 - Water supply
 - Fertile land
 - Natural resources
 - Trade routes
 - Transport access
8. **Why do population patterns matter?**
Look for ideas such as:
- Planning schools and hospitals
 - Housing development
 - Job creation
 - Service delivery
 - Infrastructure planning



Part C: Think Deeper

9. **Why might most people live near the coast?**
Accept:
- Fishing opportunities
 - Trade and harbours
 - Jobs
 - Milder climate
 - Tourism
 - Access to water
10. **Problems of rapid population growth in a town:**
Accept:
- Not enough housing
 - Unemployment
 - Traffic congestion
 - Pollution
 - Overcrowded schools
 - Strain on water and electricity



Challenge Question

- A relevant geographical question
- Curiosity about patterns or change