

UNIT 7: THE WORLD POPULATION

A. READING

WARM-UP:

What are the following pictures about?

Water pollution – Poverty - Homelessness
- Air pollution- Traffic jam - Unemployment

LEAD-IN : What is the main cause of these problems?

=> The increase of population

VOCABULARY :

1. population	/pɒpjʊ'leɪʃn/	(n): dân số
population growth		(n): sự tăng trưởng dân số
2. limit		(v): giới hạn, hạn chế.
3. figure =number	/'fɪgə(r)/	(n) : con số
4. double	/'dʌbl/	(v) : gấp đôi
5. birth-control method	/'bɜːθkən'trəʊl 'meθəd /	
= methods to limit the birth		(v) : Phương pháp hạn chế sinh đẻ
6. family planning	/fæməli 'plæniŋ/	(v): kế hoạch hoá gia đình
7. increase	/'ɪnkriːs /	(v) : tăng
≠ decrease	/'diːkriːs /	(v): giảm
9. organisation	/ɔːgənaɪ'zeɪʃn/	(n): tổ chức
10. average	/'ævərɪdʒ/	(n) : trung bình

PASSAGE:

The population of the world has been increasing faster and faster. In 10,000 B.C., there were probably only 10 million people. In A.D. 1, there were 300 million. It took 1,750 years for the world population to reach 625 million. In 1850, only one hundred years later, the population reached the figure of 1,300 million. In 1950, the figure had more than doubled to reach 2,510 million. In 1985, only 35 years later, there were 4,760 million people. In 2000, the world's population was about 6.6 billion, and by 2015 it is expected to be over 7 billion.

Does the Earth have enough resources to support this many people? Different scientists give different answers to this question. Some say that there are enough resources to support 8 billion people. Others say that we must limit population growth because our resources are limited. Only 10 percent of the earth's land can be used for farming and another 20 percent for raising animals. There is a limit to the water we can use. There are also limits to the amounts of petroleum, iron, silver, gold, and other metals.

Research has shown that the average Third World woman has more children than she wants. Among the women who do not think they have too many children, half of them do not want any more. However, although millions of women want to limit the size of their families, they know of no safe way to have fewer children. Safe birth-control methods for family planning are not available to them. It is time governments and international organizations did something to help them so that the world population growth can start to decrease instead of continuing to increase.

TASK 1: Fill in the each gap with one of these words .

limit

control

figures

increases

method

1. Can you explain the _____ for changing salt water to fresh water?
2. The number of injuries from automobile accidents _____ every year.

3. These are all _____ 1, 75, 293.
4. Some children behave badly and their parents *can't* _____ them.
5. They imposed a strict spending _____.

Task 2: Decide whether the following statements are true (T) or false (F).

1. The population of the world has been increasing faster and faster.
2. In 2010, the world's population was about 6.6 billion.
3. Only 20 % of the earth's land can be used for farming and another 10 % for raising animals.
4. There are limits to the amounts of petroleum, iron, silver, gold, and other metals.
5. Research has shown that the average Third World woman has more children than she wants.

Task 3: Choose the best answer to complete the following sentences.

1. The population of the world in 10,000 B.C was.....
A. 10 million B. 20 million C. 5 million D. 15 million
2. There are also limits to the amounts of iron, silver, gold, and other metals.
A. water B. petroleum C. wind. D. fires
3. Some say that there are enough to support 8 billion people
A. metals B. food C. water D. resources
4. Research has shown that the average woman has more children than she wants.
A. third World B. second World C. fourth world D. first world

5. Others say that we must limit population growth because our resources are limited.

A. restricted

B. infinite

C. abundant

D. plentiful

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C. LISTENING

WARM-UP:

What are the differences between the two families?

=> Family A has better living condition than family B.

NEW WORDS

1. generation	[dʒenə'reɪʃn]	(n) thế hệ
2. punishment(n)	['pʌnɪʃmənt]	(n) sự trừng phạt
3. rank(v)	[ræŋk]	(v) xếp hạng
4. literacy	['lɪtərəsi]	(n) sự biết chữ
Illiteracy	['ɪlɪtərəsi]	(n) sự mù chữ
5. population explosion(n)	[pɒpjʊ'leɪʃn ru:'ti:n]	(n) sự bùng nổ dân số
6. improvement(n)	[ɪm'pru:vmənt]	(n) sự cải tiến, cải thiện

You will hear Dr. Brown, a world population expert, talk about the world population.

Listen to the interview and do the tasks that follow.

TASK 1 : Listen to the expert and decide whether the statements are TRUE or

FALSE.

1. According to the expert, there are over 7.6 billion people in the world today.

2. Experts say that the population of the world could be about 7 billion by the year 2015.
3. The experts said that the population growth rates in some parts of the world are not the same.
4. The expert says the Middle East has the highest population growth rate.
5. Scientists say that a decrease in death rates is the main reason for population explosion.

TASK 2: Listen and fill in the blanks with the exact words you hear.

Dr. Brown: Yes, it is. It caused a lot of (1)..... such as shortage of food, lack of hospitals and schools, illiteracy, and low living (2).....

Interviewer: Can you make some suggestions on how to solve these problems?

Dr. Brown: I think, there are a number of solutions to the problems. The first is to (3)..... people and make them aware of the danger of having more children. The second is to provide (4)....., inexpensive birth-control methods. The third is to strictly implement a family planning policy. And the fourth is to exercise strict and fair reward and (5)..... policies.