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Classroom Activities

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World population reaches seven billion (Page 1)

Instructions: Read the article 'World population reaches seven billion'.
Answer questions 1-15.

1. What event happened on 31st October?

2. On what date did the number of people living on the Earth reach one billion?

3. When did the world's population reach three billion?

4. How many years has it taken for the population to increase from six to seven billion?

5. Why, in the past, were some people worried about population growth and what predictions did they make?

6. Which two countries have the biggest populations?

7. What is meant by the fertility rate?

8. What the significance of a fertility rate of 2.1?

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9. How have farmers been able to increase their yields?

10. Who has been called the ‘father of the Green Revolution’ and why is he known by this name?

11. What are GM crops?

12. What are the advantages of GM crops?

13. By approximately how many people will the world’s population increase before it is expected to start to fall?

14. Describe two reasons known to bring down the fertility rate.

15. For what reasons are some people concerned about GM crops?

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Fill in the boxes with the correct answers to find the mystery word.

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Clues

1. Country where population is shrinking
2. Norman _____ was an agricultural scientist
3. Nobel _____ Prize
4. The Green _____ increased crop yields
5. Country that is below the replacement rate
6. _____ modified (GM) crops
7. The _____ rate is the average number of children each woman has
8. Country with the second-largest population
9. United _____
10. Country with the largest population