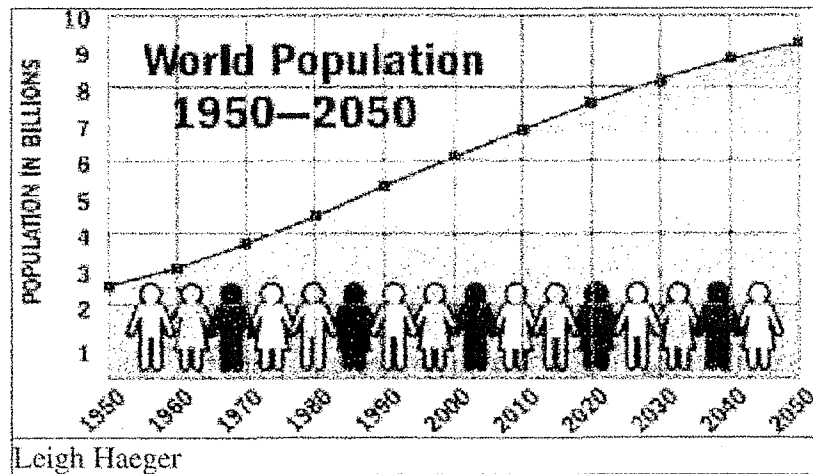


6.5 Billion and Counting!



- 1 We live in a jam-packed world. In fact, more people live here than
- 2 ever before. The population recently hit a whopping 6.5 billion! The big
- 3 news was reported by the U.S. Census Bureau.
- 4 The population or number of people on the planet has doubled since 1960.
- 5 And that number continues to grow. As you can see from the graph,
- 6 experts estimate that six years from now, Earth will be home to about 7
- 7 billion people. That is not surprising when you consider that 261 people
- 8 are born each minute.

Appendix 5b1

“6.5 Billion and Counting!” Multiple-Choice Questions

- _____ 1. The article is about
- a. the work done at the census.
 - b. the number of people in America.
 - c. the number of people in the world.
 - d. all of the above.
- _____ 2. Which of the following is *not* presented as fact in the article?
- a. There were between two and three billion people in the world in 1950.
 - b. There are more than twice as many people in the world today than in 1960.
 - c. There are too many people in the world.
 - d. The population of the world is continuing to grow.
- _____ 3. According to the chart, the population of the world today is estimated to be close to
- a. 4 billion.
 - b. 8 billion.
 - c. 7 billion.
 - d. 6 billion.
- _____ 4. The following is a fact stated in the article.
- a. 261 babies are born every minute.
 - b. Experts estimate that in 2012 there will be more than 10 billion people.
 - c. There were more than 4 billion people in 1960.
 - d. Experts estimate that there will be more than 10 billion people by 2050.
- _____ 5. The word in the article that means “to make a guess based on the best information available”
is
- a. populate.
 - b. report.
 - c. continue.
 - d. estimate.

Appendix 5b3