

# Population Picture Story

Brainstorm words for each picture, then listen to the story and take dictation.



overpopulation

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childless

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elderly

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productive

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Read about poverty then take dictation for two photos.

In 1968 Paul Ehrlich wrote *The Population Bomb*. He explained that the world **population** is growing too fast for **resources** to keep up. Therefore, there will not be enough food and resources for people in the future. The book **predicted** many disasters if population control **measures** were not taken. For example, Ehrlich predicted that millions would die of **starvation** in the 1970s and 1980s due to overpopulation. Most predictions, however, were wrong. Ehrlich thinks his warnings helped the world avoid disasters. However, by 2015 the population growth rate has slowed or stopped. In fact, the world population might start decreasing around 2060. A decreasing population can also cause various problems.

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projection

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Figure 2. World Population Convex Growth Projection 1950-2050

