



Welcome to the global village

Earth is a crowded place, and it is getting more crowded all the time. As of mid-2019, the world's population was estimated to be around 7 billion, 700 million people — that's 7 700 000 000. Thirty-six countries have more than 40 million (40 000 000) people. Fourteen countries each have more than 100 million (100 000 000) people. China has about 1 billion, 420 million (1 420 000 000), while India has more than 1 billion, 360 million (1 360 000 000) people.

Numbers this big are hard to understand, but what if we imagined the whole population of the world as a village of just 100 people? In this imaginary village, each person would represent 77 million (77 000 000) people from the real world.

One hundred people would fit nicely into a small village. By learning about the villagers — who they are and how they live — perhaps we can find out more about our neighbors in the real world and the problems our planet may face in the future.

Ready to enter the global village? Go down into the valley and walk through the gates. Dawn is chasing away the night shadows. The smell of wood smoke hangs in the air. A baby awakes and cries.

Come and meet the people of the global village.

