

Book Monkeys: Book Two
Activity 2
Reading Charts

INSTRUCTIONS: Answer the questions at the bottom of this sheet based on the information you find on the chart below

TABLE I.3.
PROJECTED AVERAGE ANNUAL RATE OF CHANGE
OF THE TOTAL WORLD POPULATION
BY BROAD AGE GROUPS, AND MAJOR AREA, 2005-2050

Major area	Ages 0-14	Ages 15-59	Ages 60+	Ages 80+	Total population
<i>World</i>	0.01	0.63	2.39	3.37	0.75
Africa	0.87	2.00	3.12	3.86	1.69
Asia.	-0.29	0.47	2.70	4.04	0.64
Europe	-0.36	-0.75	0.90	1.98	-0.24
Latin America and the Caribbean	-0.38	0.61	2.98	3.99	0.74
Northern America.	0.23	0.37	1.67	2.30	0.62
Oceania	0.09	0.65	2.11	2.89	0.81

Source:

Population Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat (2005). World Population Prospects: The 2004 Revision. Highlights. New York: United Nations.

ACCORDING TO THE CHART:

1. What area of the world will have the oldest people by the year 2050?
a. Africa b. Asia c. Latin America and the Caribbean
2. Where will most of the youngest people (children under 14) be living?
a. Africa b. Asia c. Europe
3. Where will the youngest people (0-14 years) be the least likely to live by 2050?
a. Asia b. Latin America & the Caribbean c. Europe
4. What age group is growing the fastest in the whole world?
a. Ages 0-14 b. Ages 15-59 c. Ages 60+ d. Ages 80+
5. What was the source of the information in the chart?
a. The United States b. The United Nations c. The World
6. What area of the world seems to be shrinking in population?
a. Northern America b. Oceania c. Europe
7. If you lived in Asia in the year 2050, what would you worry most about?
a. That there is not enough work b. That there is not enough food
c. That there are not enough younger people to care for older people