



GET INVOLVED



30 MINUTES



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IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 100



▶▶ GETTING INTO THE ACTIVITY

The world is full of injustices such as poverty, hunger, access to clean water etc. However with a population of 7.5 billion, it can be hard to really picture how many people these injustices impact.

Introduce the activity by having a general discussion about injustices around the world. Who can give some examples? (Poverty, hunger, wealth, shelter etc). Explain that although we know about these injustices, do we really know how many people in the world are affected by each one?

Explain that for this activity, we are going to imagine that the world was condensed down to a village of 100 people. Our task is to go through the question sheet and try to predict from our village of 100, how many people would be affected by each category. Each category must always equal 100 people.

Once the group have made their predictions, watch the YouTube Video 'The Global Village' - https://youtu.be/jy96ZB8Zs_A, this will provide the group with the answers.

Finish by comparing the predictions to the results. What were the surprises? Where were the big differences? At the bottom of the activity sheet, you'll find some discussion questions to get you thinking. Use some of these or come up with your own to further explore some of the world's injustices and just how many people each one impacts.

✓✓ WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- The Global Village Video
- 'If the World Were a Village of 100' Activity Sheet
- Paper & Pens

! KEEPING EVERYONE SAFE

When having debates and discussions, try to involve all members and make sure everyone understands that everyone's opinions are to be respected and listened to.



IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 100

For each category try to predict how the village of 100 would be broken down. This could be done in small groups or as one large group. The total number in each question should always equal 100.

Example

If the world were a village of 100 people, 50 would be male and 50 would be female.

- 1) Age: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would be...
 - 0 - 14 years old
 - 15 - 64 years old
 - 65 and older

- 2) Ethnicity: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would be...
 - From Europe
 - From North America
 - From Asia & Oceania
 - From Africa
 - From South America

- 3) Education: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Be able to read and write
 - Not

 - Have a college or university degree
 - Not

- 4) Standard of living: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Have a shelter
 - Not

 - Have safe drinking water
 - Not

 - Have electricity
 - Not

- 5) Food: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Always have enough to eat
 - Be overweight
 - Be malnourished
 - Be dying of starvation

- 6) Wealth: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Own 59% of the wealth
 - Own 39% of the wealth
 - Own the remaining 2% of the wealth

IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 100 ANSWERS

For each category try to predict how the village of 100 would be broken down. This could be done in small groups or as one large group. The total number in each question should always equal 100.

Example

If the world were a village of 100 people, 50 would be male and 50 would be female.

- 1) Age: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would be...
 - 0 - 14 years old = **26 people**
 - 15 - 64 years old = **66 people**
 - 65 and older = **8 people**

- 2) Ethnicity: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would be...
 - From Europe = **11 people**
 - From North America = **5 people**
 - From Asia & Oceania = **60 people**
 - From Africa = **15 people**
 - From South America = **9 people**

- 3) Education: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Be able to read and write = **82 people**
 - Not = **18 people**

 - Have a college or university degree = **7 people**
 - Not = **93 people**

- 4) Standard of living: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Have a shelter = **77 people**
 - Not = **23 people**

 - Have safe drinking water = **87 people**
 - Not = **13 people**

 - Have electricity = **78 people**
 - Not = **22 people**

- 5) Food: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Always have enough to eat = **63 people**
 - Be overweight = **21 people**
 - Be malnourished = **15 people**
 - Be dying of starvation = **1 person**

- 6) Wealth: If the world were a village of 100 people, how many people would...
 - Own 59% of the wealth = **6 people**
 - Own 39% of the wealth = **74 people**
 - Own the remaining 2% of the wealth = **20 people**

IF THE WORLD WERE A VILLAGE OF 100 DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use some of the below questions, or come up with your own, to start exploring some of these injustices and just how many people each one impacts. Pick and choose the questions based on where the biggest surprises were for the group.

Where was the biggest surprise for you?

Which predictions did you get the closest to reality and which were you furthest off?

Were you surprised how few people live in North America, given how much it dominates the world's politics and culture?

18 people in the village can't read or write. In reality that is 1.35 billion people. What impact do you think that has on those people's lives?

Some of you may have ambitions to go to college or university. If you do, this would put you in the world's top 7% for education. Do you think people in the UK take their education for granted?

23 people in the village don't have shelter. In reality that is 1.72 billion people - nearly 25% of the world's population. Does that number / percentage surprise you?

975 million people don't have access to safe drinking water.

1.65 billion people don't have access to electricity.

Only one person is dying of starvation? How does that compare to your prediction? However, 'only' 1 person is in reality 75 million people... More than the population of the UK.

1 person is dying of starvation whilst 21 people are overweight. Is that fair? How would you solve that problem in the village? How can we solve the problem in the real world?

Is it fair that just 6 people own nearly 60% of the money in the world, when 20 people have less than 2% to share between them? Should we change that or is that just 'how it is'?