

“Task 1 Academic: Population in Five Countries” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

You should spend 20 minutes on this task.

The table below gives information about population in five different countries in 2011.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Write at least 150 words.

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**Population Statistics for five large countries**

Country	*Population	Population Density (per square kilometre)	Population Growth (annual)	Life Expectancy (years)
India	1.21b	408	1.44%	70
Russia	140m	8	- 0.39%	66
China	1.35b	145	0.63%	74
Indonesia	233m	128	1.19%	71
Brazil	195m	23	0.98%	72

\* b = billion; m = million

*MODEL*

*Paragraph 1*

The data shows the 2011 figures for five large countries according to four population measures: size, density, growth and life expectancy.

*Paragraph 2*

It is clear that India and China are by far the largest countries in terms of population size whose figures are given in billions at 1.21 billion and 1.35 billion respectively.

*Paragraph 3*

In terms of population density, there are far more people per square kilometer in India than any other country. China, in contrast, has a larger population but its density is just over a third of India's. Russia's population density is a mere 8 people per square kilometer making it the most sparsely populated.

*Paragraph 4*

Although China has the largest population, its annual growth rate of 0.63% is the lowest with the exception of Russia's. India's growth rate is more than double China's, even though, in 2011, its population was smaller. Brazil's and Indonesia's growth rate is about 1% per annum.

*Paragraph 5*

For four of the countries, life expectancy is broadly similar, ranging between 70 years in India and 74 in China. Once again, Russia is the exception with the length of years people live for being about 66.

*Paragraph 6*

Overall, there are considerable differences in the data given but Russia seems quite different in terms of its low population density, negative population growth rate and lowest life expectancy.