



Knowledge Organiser: Megacities

What is a Megacity? This is a large city with more than ten million inhabitants, such as Tokyo in Japan, Lagos in Nigeria, Shanghai in China and Delhi in India.



MEGACITIES WORLDWIDE

1. Tokyo: Japan 37 million
2. Delhi: India 28 million
3. Shanghai: China 25 million
4. Sao Paulo: Mexico 21.7 million
5. Mexico City: Mexico 21.6 million
6. Cairo: Egypt 20.1 million
7. Mumbai: India 20 million

Why do people live in megacities?

- More job opportunities
- The availability of services and resources
- The chance to meet a wider range of people



WHERE DO PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD LIVE?

- Today, 55% of the world's total population lives in urban areas.

COVENTRY: THE UK'S FASTEST GROWING CITY Why?

- Coventry's population: 400,000+
- Grows by about 6,000 each year
- UK City of Culture 2021
- Has two growing universities
- It is centrally located in the UK
- It is a major producer of new cars

BAGHDAD: THE WORLD'S FIRST MEGACITY

- Located along trading routes
- Available water in a dry climate. (River Tigris)
- The city was purpose built as a capital in AD900 city.



WHY IS LAGOS, AFRICA'S LARGEST GROWING MEGACITY

- Increase job opportunities
- Climate change is making farming unreliable
- Population growth



Key vocabulary	Definition
economy	The system of how money is used in a certain country.
rural	A location in the countryside
migration	The movement of people from one location or country to another.
urbanisation	Urbanization is the process by which cities grow, and higher and higher percentages of the population comes to live in the city.
density (urban)	Urban density is the number of people living in an urban area .
population	all the inhabitants (people that live) in a particular place.
congestion	A situation in which a place is blocked or crowded
civilisation	The culture or way of life of a society at a particular period of time