



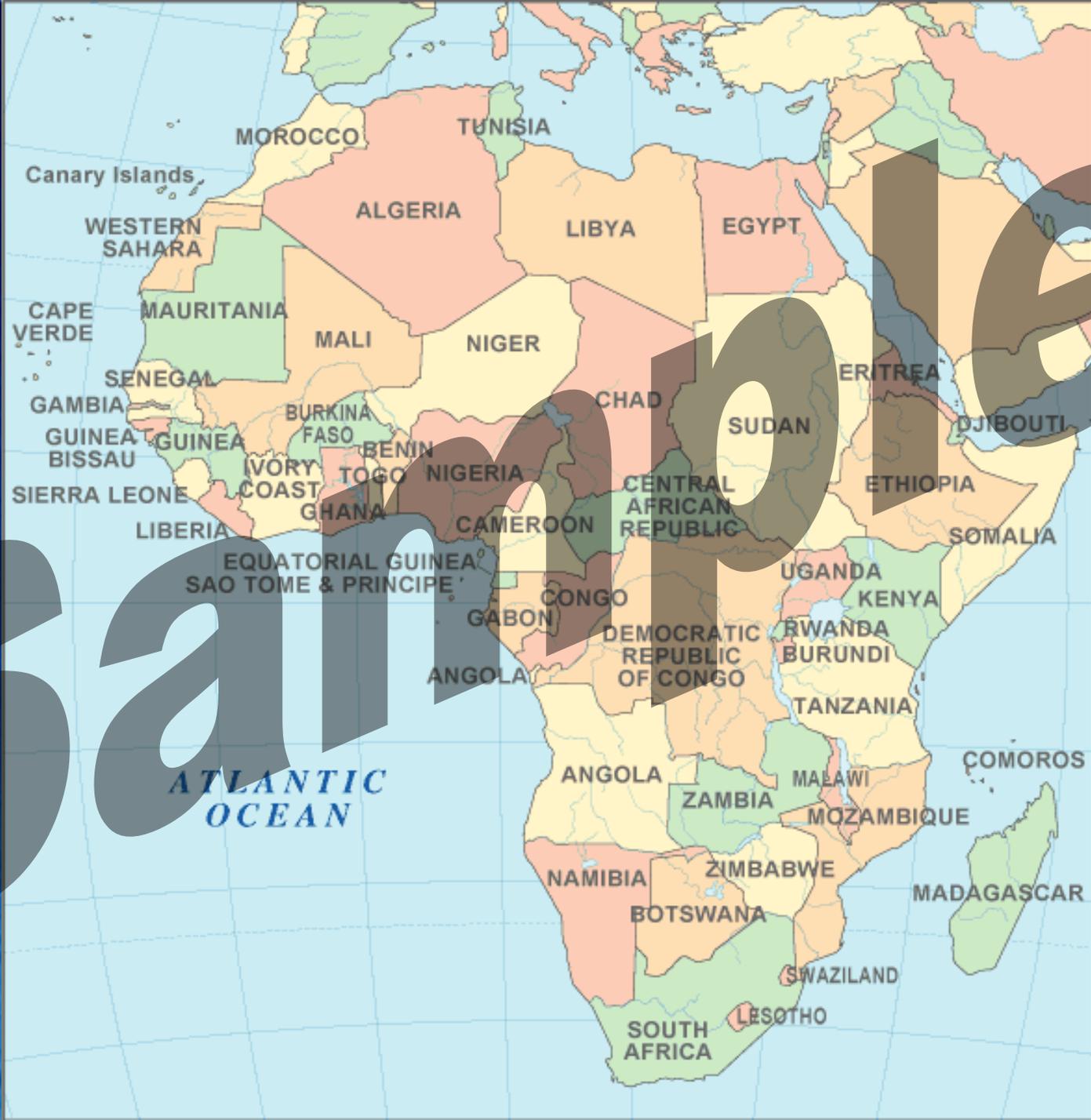
Global Village

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Sample



Our Global Village

This class of about 25 students can represent the world we live in today

- Asia 15 people (61%)
- Africa 3 people (13%)
- Europe 3 people (12%)
- Latin America 2 people (8%)
- North America 1 person (5%)
- Oceania $\frac{1}{4}$ person (1%)

Ages

- ≤10 years old 20%
- 10-19 years old 19%
- 20-29 years old 16%
- 30-39 years old 15%
- 40-49 years old 11%
- 50-59 years old 9%
- 60-69 years old 6%
- 70 + years old 4%

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- 1/3 of the village is under 15 years old.
- More than half is under 30 years old



Religion

- Christians 32%
- Muslims 20%
- Hindus 13%
- Traditional religion 11%
- Buddhists 6%
- Other religions 2%
- Jew 1%
- Non-religious 15%



Language



Over 6000 languages spoken in the world

Language



If you could say hello in these 9 languages you could greet over half the people in the global village.

- Chinese 22%
- English 9%
- Hindi 9%
- Spanish 7%
- Arabic 4%
- Bengali 4%
- Portuguese 3%
- Russian 3%
- Japanese 2%

Money and Possessions

- Richest 20% have more than \$9000 a year
- Poorest 20% have less than \$1 per day

Average cost for food, shelter, & other necessities is \$4000-5000 per year



Electricity

- Have electricity 76%
- mostly at night
- No electricity 24%
- Radios 42%
- Televisions 25%
- Telephones 36%
- 1/2 are cell phones
- Computers 10%



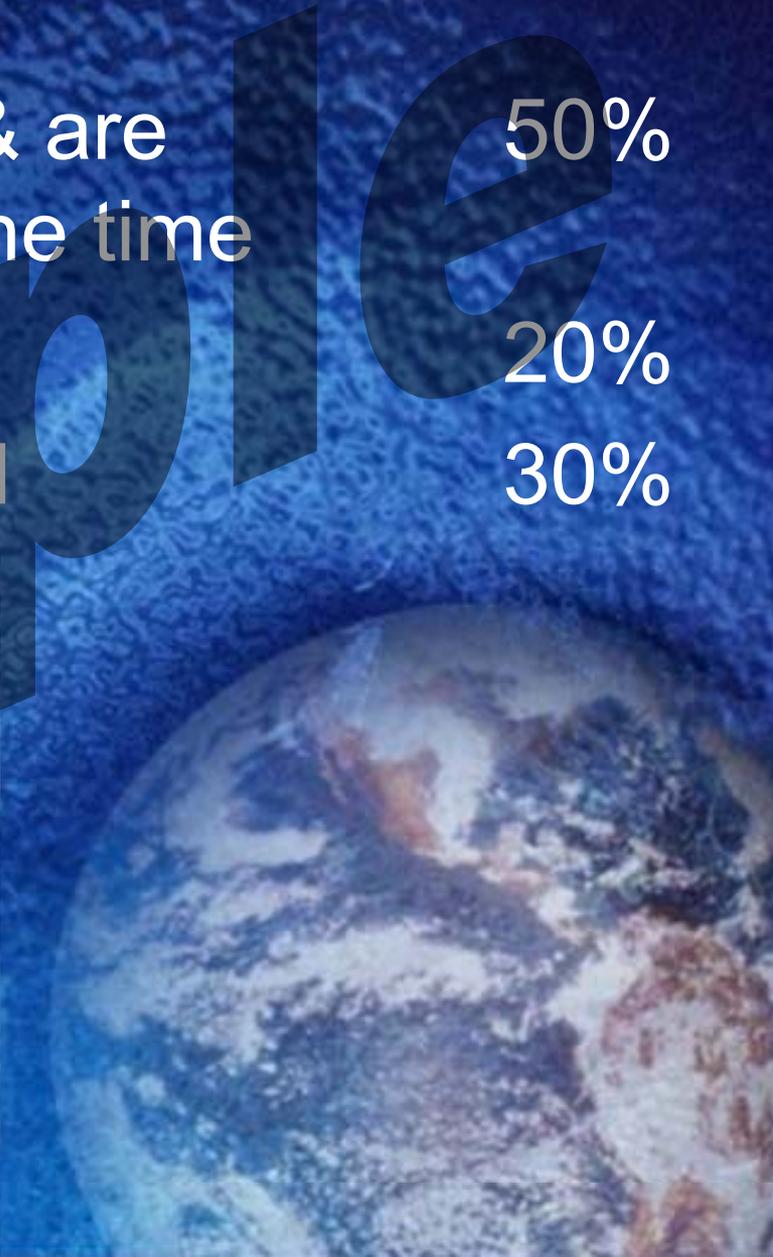
Air and Water

- Access to safe water 82%
 - Drinking water at home 30%
- No water & must collect it 18%
- Adequate sanitation 60%
- No sanitation 40%
- Breathe clean air 68%
- Breathe polluted air 32%



Food

- Don't have enough food & are hungry at some or all of the time 50%
- Severely undernourished 20%
- Always have enough food 30%



Animals

Animals help to produce food or are a source of food. In our village there are:

- 8 sheep and goats
- 6 cows, bulls and oxen
- 4 pigs
- 1 camel
- 1 horse
- 48 chickens



Education

- School-aged villagers 38%
 - Go to school – mostly boys 31%
- Teacher 1%
- Can't read at all 17%
- High school education 7%
- University education 1%



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Burkina Faso

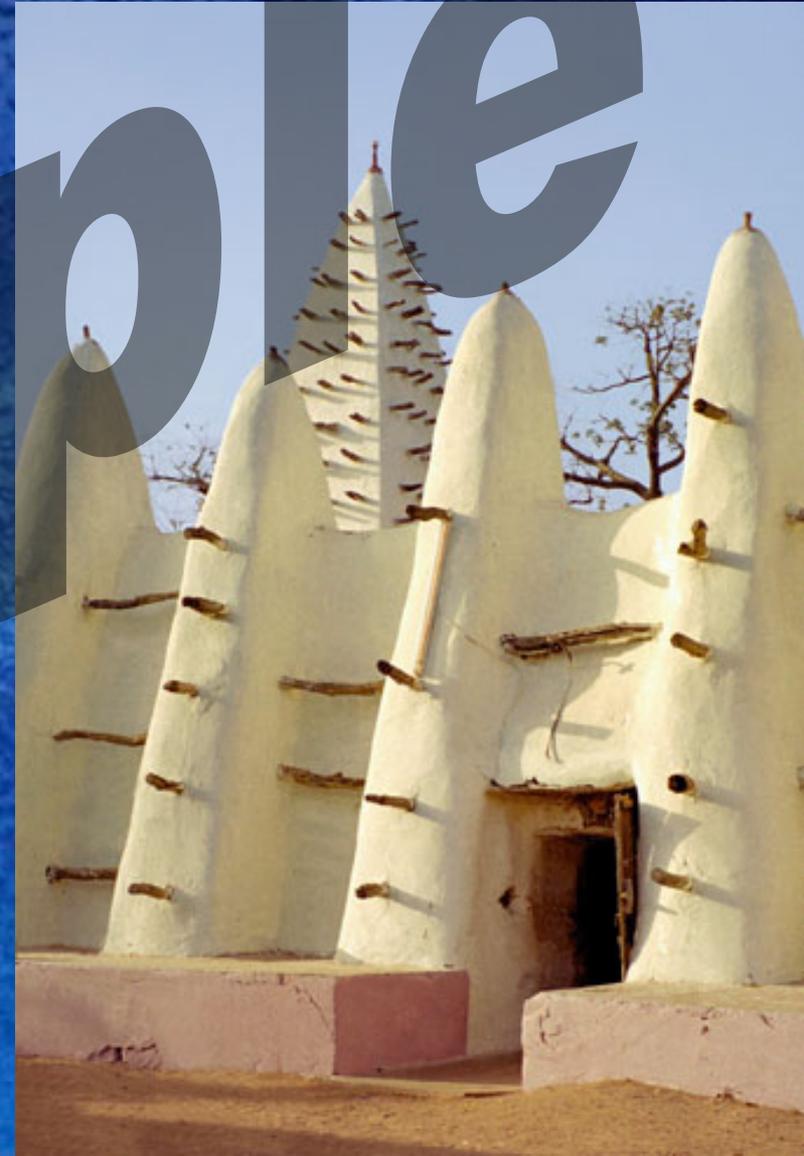
“Land of Honest People”

- Former French colony
- Independence in 1960
- Upper Volta until 1984
- Many droughts and military coup d'états
- 2nd poorest country in the world
- Most people are farmers



Religion

- Islam (~50%)
- Christianity
- Traditional religions



Language

- French
 - Bonjour
 - Je m'appelle Kirstin.
- Morre
 - Ne y zaabre.
 - Mam yuur la a Kirstin.



Peace Corps

- United States government organization of people that live and work in another country for 27 months (3 months training & 2 years serving).
- Volunteers work in: education, community development, business, agriculture, environment, health, and information technology.
- Volunteers are in 74 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, the Mediterranean, South America and Central America, the Caribbean, and the Pacific Islands.

Goals of Peace Corps

- Helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women.
- Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served.
- Helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.





**I look forward to working with
you over the next 2 years!**

Please write to me!

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Statistics from: [If the World Were a Village](#), by David Smith & Shelagh
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