

Key Knowledge

Megacities are located all over the world. They are the most densely populated cities.

Asia has the largest population in the world, therefore most megacities are located there.

Baghdad became the first city in the world to reach one million inhabitants. The rapid growth took place because it was the main centre of learning, medicine and trade in the world.

Populations change year to year due to births and deaths. Also people move in and out of towns and cities due to work, house prices, transport, health or even leisure.

People chose to live in large cities for many reasons. These include: geographical location; population; projected population growth; facilities; attractions.

Key Vocabulary and Phrases

megacity	A very large city, typically one with a population of over ten million people.
continent	One of seven large landmasses that make up the world.
urban	In relation to the characteristics of a town or city.
Population density	The average number of people living in each sq km.
Baghdad	The capital of Iraq.



Baghdad, Iraq



Guangzhou, China



Beijing, China

