World Population Clusters

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City	Country and Continent	Prediction: One of the Top 10?	Verification: the Top 10 ✔
New York			
Paris			
Jakarta			
London			
Calcutta			
Osaka			
São Paulo			
Tokyo			
Dhaka			
Manila			
Rome			
Mexico			
Seoul			
Montréal			
Shanghai			
Mumbai			
Teheran			
Moscow			
Buenos Aires			
Los Angeles			
Karachi			
Delhi			
Istanbul			
Lima			

Note: Do not worry about the exact order of size of these cities. You may find that different sources rank the sizes of the largest population clusters differently. Discuss in your group the reasons why these differences may happen.

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In 2003, the principal centres of population in the world included

Tokyo, Japan
Mexico City, Mexico
Jakarta, Indonesia
New York, U.S.
Seoul, South Korea
São Paulo, Brazil
Mumbai (Bombay), India
Delhi, India
Los Angeles, U.S.
Osaka, Japan

The next group of ten are:

Cairo, Egypt
Moscow, Russia
Calcutta, India
Manila, Philippines
Buenos Aires, Argentina
Karachi, Pakistan
Shanghai, China
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Dhaka, Bangladesh
London, U.K.

Note:
Consult a variety of up-to-date sources for current data. Countries do not update censuses at the same time; they also count population in different ways. Some countries list the population of a specified urban area only; others include the population of surrounding areas. Also note that in many of the less-developed nations, large unofficial populations live in shantytowns surrounding major urban areas. Sudden natural disasters, wars, political events, and sudden economic change often cause abrupt variations in population density or distribution.
Students will observe that the most densely populated areas of the world are mostly in Asia.