

China's 'one child' policy – good or bad?

Use this sheet before you complete Task 4 on page 157. It may help you to sort out your ideas.

Your task

- 1 Write one or two points in answer to each of the questions below.
- 2 Tick one of the columns to show whether your answers suggest that the 'one child' policy was good or bad. (Put '?' if you cannot decide.)

How would the 'one child' policy affect:	good (✓)	bad (✓)
◦ the country's food supply?		
◦ the workforce on the farms?		
◦ housing and overcrowding?		
◦ the right of couples to decide family size for themselves?		
◦ brothers and sisters, and even cousins?		
◦ the ability of the state to provide teachers, doctors, nurses, etc.?		
◦ the abortion rate?		
◦ the abandoning or even murdering of babies?		
◦ the chances of war over land for the growing population?		
◦ China's consumption of scarce world resources?		
◦ sustainable development?		
◦ the love that parents would feel for their children?		

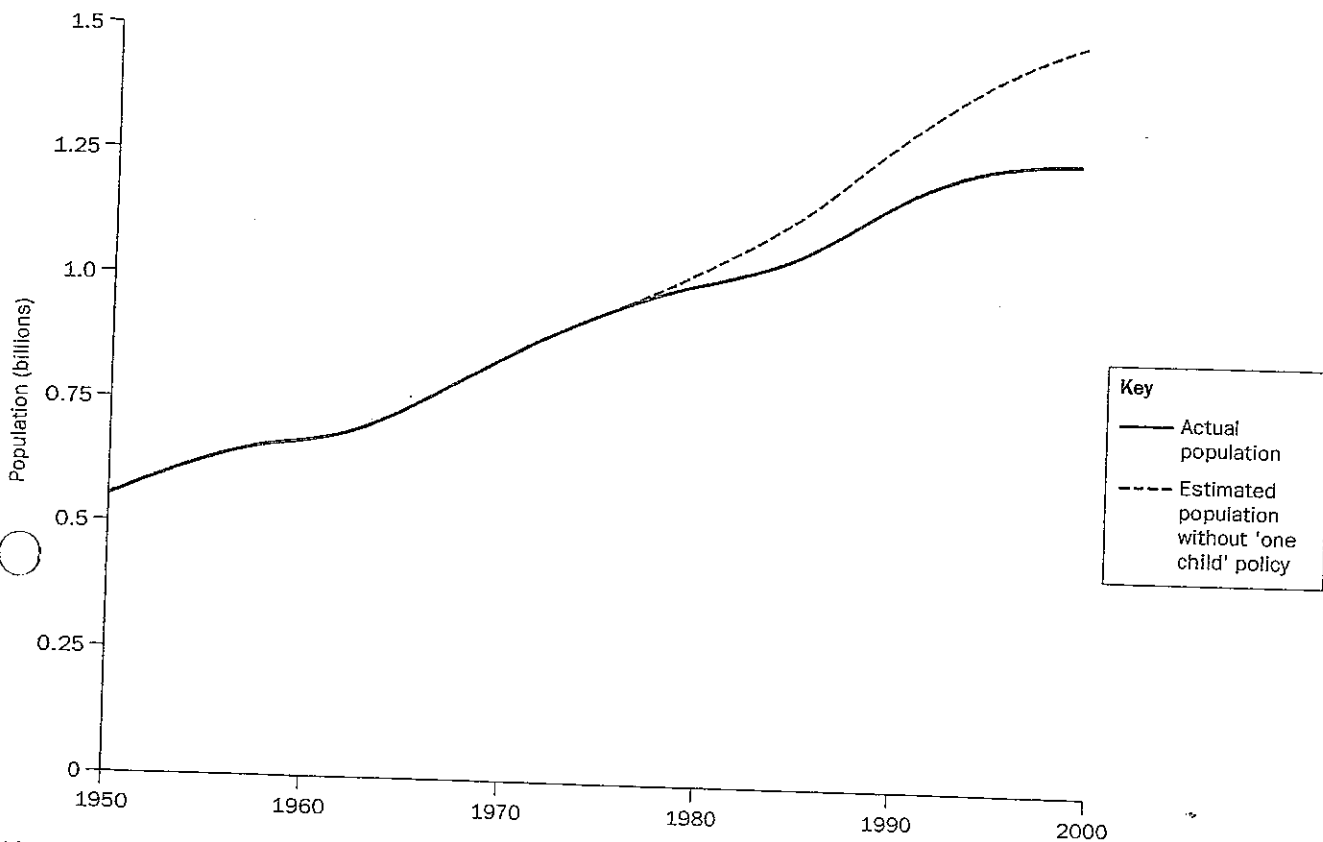
China's population – living graph

Use this sheet to help you with Tasks 1 and 2 on page 157.

Your task

- Look at these statements. Write the letters **a–d** on the graph below, at the dates when you think they are most likely to have taken place.
 - Mrs Chang has an abortion because she already has one child.
 - Mrs Ho has her sixth child. She is very pleased to serve her country by having so many healthy children.
 - China's leading baby store lays off workers because revenue is down.
 - Mr Fung complains that all of his friends have found girlfriends but there are no girls left for him.
- Write in the following statements below the graph. Each statement should go below the date when it took place.

'a large population gives a strong nation' famine population boom
 'later, longer, fewer' policy 'one child' policy
 slight relaxation in 'one child' policy



China's total population, 1950–99