

Country Clue Sort

Use population clues to sort country profiles.

WG.12 "The student will apply social science skills to understand the distribution, growth rates, and characteristics of human population by examining the relationship between demographic data to determine the level of economic development..."

NAME _____

DATE _____

DEVELOPED COUNTRY

Developed countries generally have strong economies and well-funded public services. People often have more education, jobs, and choices.

A nation has paved roads in most communities and many workers in skilled jobs.

DEVELOPING COUNTRY

Developing countries are building their economies and public services. Many people may have fewer resources and economic opportunities.

A nation is expanding factories, and many workers earn their living through farming.

1 SORT

6 items

Part 1: Read each country clue, then circle DEVELOPED or DEVELOPING.

1. Low birth rate, low infant mortality, and long life expectancy

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

2. High birth rate, high infant mortality, and short life expectancy

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

3. Low income per person and limited access to safe water

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

4. High income per person and broad access to health care

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

5. Slow population growth and high literacy

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

6. Most homes have electricity and sanitation services

DEVELOPED

DEVELOPING

2

PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3

MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

Part 3: Write one new DEVELOPED country clue and one new DEVELOPING country clue.

DEVELOPED _____

DEVELOPING _____

CHALLENGE

Country A has high school completion, low maternal mortality, and many service jobs. Country B has fewer years of schooling, high maternal mortality, and many subsistence farmers. Name each category and explain which country likely has a higher standard of living.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	Low birth rate, low infant mortality, and long life expectancy	DEVELOPED	This profile shows common demographic patterns of a developed country.
2	High birth rate, high infant mortality, and short life expectancy	DEVELOPING	This profile shows common demographic patterns of a developing country.
3	Low income per person and limited access to safe water	DEVELOPING	Limited resources and basic services are common development challenges.
4	High income per person and broad access to health care	DEVELOPED	Higher income and broad health care access are common in developed countries.
5	Slow population growth and high literacy	DEVELOPED	Slow growth and high literacy are common indicators of higher economic development.
6	Most homes have electricity and sanitation services	DEVELOPED	Widespread basic services are common in developed countries.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **DEVELOPED:** High school completion is common, and most families have dependable internet access.
- **DEVELOPING:** Few people have reliable sanitation, and the average family has many children.

Challenge: Country A is developed and likely has a higher standard of living because it has more education, safer health conditions, and more service jobs. Country B is developing because its clues show fewer resources and opportunities.

Part 1 answers: 1, 4, 5, and 6 are DEVELOPED. Items 2 and 3 are DEVELOPING. For Part 2, accept explanations that name at least two clues from each selected item.