

Title : Overpopulation

A: Hey Jimmy, did you watch the news last night?

B: Of course, I watched it last night, it was about the problems of the overpopulation in China.

C: (Suddenly jumps up) Hey guys, what are you talking about?

A: We are talking about the news last night.

C: Oh is it about the problems of overpopulation in China?

A: Yes.

B: What do you think about this?

C: I think the problem of overpopulation is really serious. It leads to food shortage as there is not enough food to meet the demand of such a large population.

A: Yes, I know that those children who live in the rural areas don't get enough nutrients from food and farmers often go hungry and cannot carry out their daily work efficiently.

D (Farmer): I am hungry. I don't have strength to continue my work. I can't continue my work(falls down).

E (Farmer's wife): Oh my god!

F(Farmer) : I have a six –year-old daughter. I can't send her to school because I don't have money and I need her to help me on the farm. I have no money to hire helpers.

B: Besides the shortage of food, I know that overpopulation also produces a lot of waste. People use up the natural resources quickly and produce a lot of waste. This will cause land, air and water pollution.

G (Farmer): We can't plant any crops on this land.

H(Farmer's wife):Why?

G(Farmer) : Because people have to clear the land to build houses.

H: Then what can we do for a living?

G: I don't know

C: Apart from the problems we have already talked about, overpopulation also leads to economic problems. Many resources have been used to satisfy the basic needs of the people, only a small amount of resources is left for education , agricultural and industrial development.

B: So, how does the government of China solve these problems?

A: Yes, the government adopted the One-child policy in 1977. The situation is better than before.

C: So I think the One-child policy is necessary in China.

A: But the problem of food shortage also has not yet been solved.

B: So China has to buy food from other countries.

C: After the government adopted the Reform Opening-up Policy. We can import food from other countries.The food supply is stable and sufficient.

B: I also know that they use scientific farming methods to grow crops. Scientific farming method means using technology to improve farming efficiency .For example farmer use modern farming machines to increase farm products.

C: After we use machines, farming efficiency has been improved. Now, China has a high rate of self-sufficiency of food, so the population problem can be solved.