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## Level 6

# China ends one-child policy

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

China has ended its decades-long one-child policy to allow all couples to have two children. The ruling Communist Party of China made the announcement on Thursday. The one-child policy, officially called the family planning policy, was a population control measure that was introduced in 1979. Policy makers hoped to restrict the country's surging population and therefore control rates of poverty. It wasn't adhered to strictly and many exceptions were allowed. In 2007, around 36 per cent of China's population was subject to a strict one-child restriction. An additional 53 per cent was allowed to have a second child if the first child was a girl. The new two-child policy will reverse China's very low fertility rate.

The new two-child policy is expected to provide a huge economic boost for China and prevent it from developing into an ageing society. China's labour force reached a peak of 940 million in 2012. However, this decreased to 930 million in 2014 and was expected to fall by another 29 million by 2020. Predictions from Peking University are that there will be an average of 2.5 million extra newborns per year. This will result in more workers and an additional \$11.8 billion in annual consumption. Shares in many international baby goods companies jumped by over 10 per cent after the news was announced. The new policy will affect around 100 million couples.

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# WARM-UPS

**1. CHILDREN:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about children. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*couples / announcement / family planning / population / poverty / strictly / additional / boost / ageing society / labour force / predictions / consumption / 100 million*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. NEWBORNS:** What must parents think about when they have a new baby and what are the problems? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Considerations	Problems
Name		
Health		
Schools		
Sleep		
Work		
Food		

**4. POPULATION CONTROL:** Students A **strongly** believe all countries should control the number of their population; Students B **strongly** believe this shouldn't happen. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. BABIES:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best thing about babies at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- clothes
- feet
- laughter
- sleep
- feeding time
- burping time
- bath time
- play time

**6. COUPLE:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "couple". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. China's one-child policy was over 100 years old.                     | T / F |
| b. All couples can now have two children.                               | T / F |
| c. Under the one-child policy, all couples were allowed only one child. | T / F |
| d. The new policy will reinforce China's low fertility rate.            | T / F |
| e. The two-child policy will provide economic benefits to China.        | T / F |
| f. The number of workers in China was at its greatest in 2012.          | T / F |
| g. Peking University predicts 2.5 million extra babies a year in China. | T / F |
| h. The two-child policy will affect nearly a billion couples.           | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. allow        | a. stop      |
| 2. announcement | b. observed  |
| 3. measure      | c. spending  |
| 4. adhered to   | d. statement |
| 5. additional   | e. forecasts |
| 6. boost        | f. permit    |
| 7. prevent      | g. stimulus  |
| 8. predictions  | h. action    |
| 9. consumption  | i. rose      |
| 10. jumped      | j. extra     |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| 1. China has ended its decades-          | a. poverty                |
| 2. officially called the family planning | b. annual consumption     |
| 3. control rates of                      | c. fertility rate         |
| 4. allowed to have a second child if the | d. boost for China        |
| 5. reverse China's very low              | e. 100 million couples    |
| 6. provide a huge economic               | f. long one-child policy  |
| 7. prevent it from developing into an    | g. baby goods companies   |
| 8. an additional \$11.8 billion in       | h. first child was a girl |
| 9. Shares in many international          | i. ageing society         |
| 10. The new policy will affect around    | j. policy                 |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

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*ruling*  
*surging*  
*subject*  
*officially*  
*fertility*  
*policy*  
*allowed*  
*strictly*

The new two-child policy is expected to provide a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ economic boost for China and prevent it from developing into an ageing (10) \_\_\_\_\_. China's labour force reached a (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of 940 million in 2012. However, this decreased to 930 million in 2014 and was expected to fall by another 29 million by 2020. Predictions from Peking University are that there will be an (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of 2.5 million extra newborns per year. This will (13) \_\_\_\_\_ in more workers and an additional \$11.8 billion in (14) \_\_\_\_\_ consumption. Shares in many international baby goods companies (15) \_\_\_\_\_ by over 10 per cent after the news was announced. The new policy will affect around 100 million (16) \_\_\_\_\_.

*peak*  
*huge*  
*result*  
*jumped*  
*average*  
*couples*  
*society*  
*annual*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

- 1) the family planning policy was a population control measure that was \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. introduced on 1979
  - b. introduced at 1979
  - c. introduced to 1979
  - d. introduced in 1979
- 2) restrict the country's surging population and therefore \_\_\_\_\_ poverty
  - a. control rate of
  - b. control ratios of
  - c. control rates of
  - d. control rats of
- 3) In 2007, around 36 per cent of China's population was subject \_\_\_\_\_-child restriction
  - a. to a strictly one-
  - b. to a strict one-
  - c. to a slick one-
  - d. to a sick one-
- 4) An additional 53 per cent was allowed to have a second child if the first \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. child was the girl
  - b. child were a girl
  - c. child was a girl
  - d. child were the girl
- 5) The new two-child policy will reverse China's very \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. lowly fertility rate
  - b. lows fertility rate
  - c. slow fertility rate
  - d. low fertility rate
- 6) The new two-child policy is expected to provide a huge economic \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. boast for China
  - b. boost for China
  - c. beast for China
  - d. best for China
- 7) China's labour force reached a peak of 940 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. millions in 2012
  - b. million in 2012
  - c. millions in 2020
  - d. million in 2020
- 8) this decreased to 930 million in 2014 and was expected to fall by another 29 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. million to 2020
  - b. million by 2020
  - c. million on 2020
  - d. million at 2020
- 9) there will be an average of 2.5 million extra \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. newborns pair year
  - b. newborn per year
  - c. newborns per year
  - d. newborns purr year
- 10) Shares in many international baby goods companies jumped by over 10 per cent \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. after the news
  - b. after that news
  - c. after this news
  - d. after then news

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

China has ended its decades-long one-child (1) \_\_\_\_\_ all couples (2) \_\_\_\_\_ children. The ruling Communist Party of China made the announcement on Thursday. The one-child policy, officially called the family planning policy, was a population (3) \_\_\_\_\_ that was introduced in 1979. Policy makers hoped to restrict the country's (4) \_\_\_\_\_ and therefore control rates of poverty. It wasn't adhered to strictly and many exceptions were allowed. In 2007, around 36 per cent of China's population (5) \_\_\_\_\_ strict one-child restriction. An additional 53 per cent was allowed to have a second child if the first child was a girl. The new two-child policy will reverse China's very (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The new two-child policy is expected (7) \_\_\_\_\_ huge economic boost for China and prevent it from developing into an ageing society. China's labour force (8) \_\_\_\_\_ of 940 million in 2012. However, this decreased to 930 million in 2014 (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to fall by another 29 million by 2020. Predictions from Peking University are that there will (10) \_\_\_\_\_ 2.5 million extra newborns per year. This will result in more workers and an additional \$11.8 billion (11) \_\_\_\_\_ consumption. Shares in many international baby goods companies jumped by over 10 per cent after the news was announced. The new policy (12) \_\_\_\_\_ 100 million couples.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

1. Who made the announcement the one-child policy had ended?

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2. When was the one-child policy introduced?

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3. What was surging that the Chinese government wanted to restrict?

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4. What percentage of China's population had to stick to one child?

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5. What does China want to reverse that is currently very low?

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6. What kind of boost will the new two-child policy provide China?

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7. What was the peak of China's labour force?

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8. How many newborns are expected each year?

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9. How much will annual consumption rise be because of the new policy?

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10. How many couples will the new policy affect?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

1. Who made the announcement the one-child policy had ended?
  - a) The Ministry of Welfare
  - b) the Population Department
  - c) the Family Planning Unit
  - d) the Communist Party
2. When was the one-child policy introduced?
  - a) 1977
  - b) 1979
  - c) 1081
  - d) 1989
3. What was surging that the Chinese government wanted to restrict?
  - a) family planning
  - b) poverty
  - c) controls
  - d) the population
4. What percentage of China's population had to stick to one child?
  - a) 38%
  - b) 53%
  - c) 36%
  - d) 18%
5. What does China want to reverse that is currently very low?
  - a) policies
  - b) restrictions
  - c) poverty
  - d) fertility rates
6. What kind of boost will the new two-child policy provide China?
  - a) a positive one
  - b) an energy boost
  - c) an economic one
  - d) a quick one
7. What was the peak of China's labour force?
  - a) 940 million
  - b) 914 million
  - c) 904 million
  - d) 919 million
8. How many newborns are expected each year?
  - a) 250,000
  - b) 25,000,000
  - c) 2.5 million
  - d) 2.5 billion
9. How much will annual consumption rise be because of the new policy?
  - a) \$118 million
  - b) \$11.8 billion
  - c) \$11.8 million
  - d) \$118 billion
10. How many couples will the new policy affect?
  - a) 100 million
  - b) 100 billion
  - c) 10 million
  - d) 10 billion

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

## **Role A – Clothes**

You think clothes are the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sleeping time, feeding time or play time.

## **Role B – Sleeping time**

You think sleeping time is the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): clothes, feeding time or play time.

## **Role C – Feeding time**

You think feeding time is the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sleeping time, clothes or play time.

## **Role D – Play time**

You think play time is the best thing about babies. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least fun of these (and why): sleeping time, feeding time or clothes.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'one' and 'child'.

one	child

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• decades</li><li>• officially</li><li>• measure</li><li>• population</li><li>• 2007</li><li>• low</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• huge</li><li>• peak</li><li>• fall</li><li>• extra</li><li>• good</li><li>• 100</li></ul>
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# CHILDREN SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

Write five GOOD questions about children in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## CHILDREN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'child'?
- 3) What do you know about China's one-child policy?
- 4) How can we control overpopulation?
- 5) What's the best number of children to have?
- 6) Which are better, boys or girls?
- 7) How balanced is the population in your country, regarding age?
- 8) What is the problem of a low fertility rate?
- 9) Does your country do anything to control its population?
- 10) What problems are associated with overpopulation?

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## CHILDREN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you think of China's new two-child policy?
- 13) How will the two-child policy affect China?
- 14) What are the problems of an ageing society?
- 15) What else can China do to boost its labour force?
- 16) Should couples be allowed to have as many children as they want?
- 17) What other kinds of companies will benefit from more babies?
- 18) How many children would you like?
- 19) Is it better for kids to have lots of brothers and sisters?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask China's leaders?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

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The new two-child policy is expected to provide a (7) \_\_\_\_ economic boost for China and prevent it from developing into an (8) \_\_\_\_ society. China's labour force reached a peak of 940 million in 2012. However, this decreased to 930 million in 2014 and was expected to fall (9) \_\_\_\_ another 29 million by 2020. Predictions from Peking University are that there will be an average of 2.5 million extra (10) \_\_\_\_ per year. This will result in more workers and an additional \$11.8 billion in annual consumption. Shares in many international baby goods companies (11) \_\_\_\_ by over 10 per cent after the news was announced. The new policy will affect around 100 million (12) \_\_\_\_.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                 |                  |                |             |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) allow       | (b) permission   | (c) do         | (d) try     |
| 2.  | (a) ruler       | (b) rules        | (c) ruling     | (d) ruled   |
| 3.  | (a) modicum     | (b) algebra      | (c) ratio      | (d) measure |
| 4.  | (a) sugaring    | (b) surging      | (c) smattering | (d) surfing |
| 5.  | (a) subjunctive | (b) subjectively | (c) subjective | (d) subject |
| 6.  | (a) reserve     | (b) sever        | (c) reverse    | (d) severe  |
| 7.  | (a) enormous    | (b) huge         | (c) upped      | (d) rapture |
| 8.  | (a) ageing      | (b) ageless      | (c) ageism     | (d) age-old |
| 9.  | (a) by          | (b) to           | (c) at         | (d) of      |
| 10. | (a) newbies     | (b) patients     | (c) newborns   | (d) sisters |
| 11. | (a) sprinted    | (b) crawled      | (c) hopped     | (d) jumped  |
| 12. | (a) twins       | (b) couples      | (c) siblings   | (d) doctors |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. allow all ueospcl to have two children
2. a population control rusmaee
3. restrict the country's rggnusi population
4. It wasn't raheedd to strictly
5. a strict one-child intirecstor
6. China's very low ietylftri rate

## Paragraph 2

7. an nggeia society
8. etxdcpee to fall by another 29 million
9. inprisecdto from Peking University
10. 2.5 million extra wonsnerb
11. annual pcosmniuont
12. after the news was cnennodua



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	one-child restriction. An additional 53 per cent was allowed to have a second child if the first child
( )	planning policy, was a population control measure that was introduced in 1979. Policy makers hoped to restrict
( )	Communist Party of China made the announcement on Thursday. The one-child policy, officially called the family
( )	exceptions were allowed. In 2007, around 36 per cent of China's population was subject to a strict
( )	the country's surging population and therefore control rates of poverty. It wasn't adhered to strictly and many
( <b>1</b> )	China has ended its decades-long one-child policy to allow all couples to have two children. The ruling
( )	developing into an ageing society. China's labour force reached a peak of 940 million in 2012. However, this decreased
( )	announced. The new policy will affect around 100 million couples.
( )	was a girl. The new two-child policy will reverse China's very low fertility rate.
( )	University are that there will be an average of 2.5 million extra newborns per year. This will result in more
( )	The new two-child policy is expected to provide a huge economic boost for China and prevent it from
( )	to 930 million in 2014 and was expected to fall by another 29 million by 2020. Predictions from Peking
( )	goods companies jumped by over 10 per cent after the news was
	workers and an additional \$11.8 billion in annual consumption. Shares in many international baby

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

1. child - one long - decades its ended has China policy .

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2. was 1979 population that in A measure introduced control .

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3. to child a restriction strict one Subject - .

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4. second first a girl the have a if to was child Allowed child .

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5. fertility China's low rate Reverse very .

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6. provide economic China to huge for Expected a boost .

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7. developing into Prevent an it ageing from society .

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8. force peak million labour a 940 China's reached of .

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9. many in Shares companies goods baby international .

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10. new affect million The will 100 policy around couples .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

China has ended its decades-long one-child policy to allow *all / every* couples to have two children. The *ruler / ruling* Communist Party of China made the announcement on Thursday. The one-child policy, *official / officially* called the family planning policy, was a population control *measured / measure* that was introduced in 1979. Policy makers *hoped / hoping* to restrict the country's *surging / sagging* population and therefore control rates of *poverty / plenty*. It wasn't adhered to strictly and many *contraptions / exceptions* were allowed. In 2007, around 36 per cent of China's population was subject to a strict one-child *restriction / restricted*. An additional 53 per cent was allowed to have a second child if the first child was a girl. The new two-child policy will *reverse / reserve* China's very low fertility rate.

The new two-child policy is *expected / expectation* to provide a huge economic *boast / boost* for China and prevent it from developing into an *ageing / ageless* society. China's labour force reached a *peak / peek* of 940 million in 2012. However, this decreased to 930 million in 2014 and was expected to fall by *another / further* 29 million by 2020. Predictions from Peking University are that there will be an average of 2.5 million *addition / extra* newborns per year. This will result *on / in* more workers and an additional \$11.8 billion *in / on* annual consumption. Shares in many international baby goods companies jumped *at / by* over 10 per cent after the news was *announcement / announced*. The new policy will affect around 100 million couples.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

Ch\_n\_ h\_s \_nd\_d \_ts d\_c\_d\_s-l\_ng \_n\_-ch\_ld p\_l\_cy t\_ \_ll\_w \_ll c\_\_pl\_s t\_ h\_v\_ tw\_ ch\_ldr\_n. Th\_ r\_l\_ng C\_mm\_n\_st P\_rty \_f Ch\_n\_ m\_d\_ th\_ \_nn\_\_nc\_m\_nt \_n Th\_rsd\_y. Th\_ \_n\_-ch\_ld p\_l\_cy, \_ff\_c\_\_lly c\_ll\_d th\_ f\_m\_ly pl\_nn\_ng p\_l\_cy, w\_s \_ p\_p\_l\_t\_\_n c\_ntr\_l m\_\_s\_r\_ th\_t w\_s \_ntr\_d\_c\_d \_n 1979. P\_l\_cy m\_k\_rs h\_p\_d t\_r\_str\_ct th\_ c\_\_ntry's s\_rg\_ng p\_p\_l\_t\_\_n \_nd th\_r\_f\_r\_ c\_ntr\_l r\_t\_s \_f p\_v\_rty. \_t w\_sn't \_dh\_r\_d t\_ str\_ctly \_nd m\_ny \_xc\_pt\_\_ns w\_r\_ \_ll\_w\_d. \_n 2007, \_r\_\_nd 36 p\_r c\_nt \_f Ch\_n\_'s p\_p\_l\_t\_\_n w\_s s\_bj\_ct t\_ \_ str\_ct \_n\_-ch\_ld r\_str\_ct\_\_n. \_n \_dd\_t\_\_n\_l 53 p\_r c\_nt w\_s \_ll\_w\_d t\_ h\_v\_ \_s\_c\_nd ch\_ld \_f th\_ f\_rst ch\_ld w\_s \_ g\_rl. Th\_ n\_w tw\_-ch\_ld p\_l\_cy w\_ll r\_v\_rs\_ Ch\_n\_'s v\_ry l\_w f\_rtl\_ty r\_t\_.

Th\_ n\_w tw\_-ch\_ld p\_l\_cy \_s \_xp\_ct\_d t\_ pr\_v\_d\_ \_ h\_g\_ \_c\_n\_m\_c b\_\_st f\_r Ch\_n\_ \_nd pr\_v\_nt \_t fr\_m d\_v\_l\_p\_ng \_nt\_ \_n\_g\_\_ng s\_c\_\_ty. Ch\_n\_'s l\_b\_\_r f\_rc\_ r\_\_ch\_d \_ p\_\_k \_f 940 m\_ll\_\_n \_n 2012. H\_w\_v\_r, th\_s d\_cr\_\_s\_d t\_ 930 m\_ll\_\_n \_n 2014 \_nd w\_s \_xp\_ct\_d t\_ f\_ll by \_n\_th\_r 29 m\_ll\_\_n by 2020. Pr\_d\_ct\_\_ns fr\_m P\_k\_ng \_n\_v\_rs\_ty \_r\_ th\_t th\_r\_ w\_ll b\_\_n \_v\_r\_g\_ \_f 2.5 m\_ll\_\_n \_xtr\_n\_wb\_rns p\_r y\_\_r. Th\_s w\_ll r\_s\_lt \_n m\_r\_ w\_rk\_rs \_nd \_n \_dd\_t\_\_n\_l \$11.8 b\_ll\_\_n \_n \_nn\_\_l c\_nsmpt\_\_n. Sh\_r\_s \_n m\_ny \_nt\_rn\_t\_\_n\_l b\_by g\_\_ds c\_m\_p\_n\_\_s j\_m\_p\_d by \_v\_r 10 p\_r c\_nt \_ft\_r th\_ n\_ws w\_s \_nn\_\_nc\_d. Th\_ n\_w p\_l\_cy w\_ll \_ff\_ct \_r\_\_nd 100 m\_ll\_\_n c\_\_pl\_s.

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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china has ended its decades-long one-child policy to allow all couples to have two children the ruling communist party of china made the announcement on thursday the one-child policy officially called the family planning policy was a population control measure that was introduced in 1979 policy makers hoped to restrict the country's surging population and therefore control rates of poverty it wasn't adhered to strictly and many exceptions were allowed in 2007 around 36 per cent of china's population was subject to a strict one-child restriction an additional 53 per cent was allowed to have a second child if the first child was a girl the new two-child policy will reverse china's very low fertility rate

the new two-child policy is expected to provide a huge economic boost for china and prevent it from developing into an ageing society china's labour force reached a peak of 940 million in 2012 however this decreased to 930 million in 2014 and was expected to fall by another 29 million by 2020 predictions from peking university are that there will be an average of 25 million extra newborns per year this will result in more workers and an additional \$118 billion in annual consumption shares in many international baby goods companies jumped by over 10 per cent after the news was announced the new policy will affect around 100 million couples

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# FREE WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

Write about **children** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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# ACADEMIC WRITING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1511/151101-one-child-policy.html>

The world is becoming dangerously overpopulated. What do you think? Write about the problems and suggest some possible solutions.

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about China's one-child policy. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CHILDREN:** Make a poster about children. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. POPULATION CONTROL:** Write a magazine article about population control. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to a population expert. Ask him/her three questions about overpopulation. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to control it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b T    c F    d F    e T    f T    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. allow        | a. permit    |
| 2. announcement | b. statement |
| 3. measure      | c. action    |
| 4. adhered to   | d. observed  |
| 5. additional   | e. extra     |
| 6. boost        | f. stimulus  |
| 7. prevent      | g. stop      |
| 8. predictions  | h. forecasts |
| 9. consumption  | i. spending  |
| 10. jumped      | j. rose      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The Communist Party of China
2. 1979
3. The population
4. 36
5. The fertility rate
6. An economic boost
7. 940 million
8. 2.5 million
9. \$11.8 billion
10. 100 million

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. c    5. d    6. c    7. a    8. c    9. b    10. a

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)