

1. Read the following article and circle TRUE (T) or FALSE (F).

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| a. The planet's population is getting older quickly. | T / F |
| b. There are over a billion people aged 65 or older today. | T / F |
| c. The number of elderly people may increase by 40% by the year 2040. | T / F |
| d. More old people in society means higher taxes for working people. | T / F |
| e. There is not a part of the world that doesn't have an aging population. | T / F |
| f. One percent of Japan's population are over 100 years old and the number is growing. | T / F |
| g. Japanese companies are developing robots to be friends with old people. | T / F |

2. Answer the following questions about the text.

1. According to researchers, the number of older people may be more than the young soon. What are the possible results of this situation? Write at least two of them.

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2. What do the experts think about the population in Japan for the near future?

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3. What are two of the solutions Japanese people are trying out for their aging population?

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4. Which of the underlined words in the first paragraph means "the number of people living in a particular area"?

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