**How Southern and Eastern Asian Citizens Live, Work, and Travel.**

**Lots and Lots of People**

* More than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of all the people in the world live in China and India!
* Most Asians live in rural areas, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the land to provide food for their families.
* About \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of China’s people are concentrated in the plateaus, plains, and river valleys of the eastern third of the country where fertile soil and plentiful rain are found.
* Close to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of India’s population lives in more than 500,000 villages.
* Since about 50% of India’s land is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (land that is suitable for growing), most Indians work in agriculture.
* About ½ of Vietnam’s people are farmers, living in the fertile deltas of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and Red Rivers and growing rice, coffee, fruits, and vegetables.
* In Thailand, people live around fertile river areas to grow \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and other crops.
* Even in highly industrialized Japan, most of the people live where the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cities areas.
* In the mountains of China and Japan, the population is much \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as is the population in China’s desert areas.

**Crowded Cities**

* Many Asian cities have huge populations. In fact, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_most populated urban areas in the world are in Southern and Eastern Asia.
* In Chinese cities like Beijing and Shanghai, the population can exceed almost \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people per square mile.
* Much of Japan’s population is crowded into \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the most crowded urban area in the world, and land in Tokyo is precious and very expensive.
* In \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, information technology and telecommunications are growing industries, providing many employment opportunities in cities like Mumbai and Kolkata.
* Unfortunately, many people living in Asian cities are very \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_and live in extremely crowded, unsanitary conditions.

**Living off the Land**

* Many Asian countries have long \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Taking advantage of the natural resources of ocean water and deep harbors, ship repair and shipbuilding are important industries.
* The world’s leading fishing country is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, with China in 2nd place.
* Some of the oldest \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ are in Asia mainly in Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Cambodia, and Laos.
* Few people live in the rainforest, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is making them disappear.

 **Getting Around**

* Across Asia, transportation systems are largely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* Most railroads don’t cross \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ boundaries, road systems are not well developed, and links between countries are often closed because of disagreements between countries.
* Most Asian international travel is by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_or by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* How you travel in Asia depends upon where you \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Walking is a common form of transportation in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ areas, while people in cities use cars and public transportation.
* The Japanese have a high-speed rail system (The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Train) where trains travel up to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ mph. The safe and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_rail system transports millions of passengers per year.
* Commuters rely on this \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rail system to get from city to city in a short amount of time.
* Because of the thriving economy, many people in Beijing, China can afford cars, but the roads are extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (crowded).
* Public bus and subway systems are available to ease the traffic problem, and people still use bicycles and walk.
* People in India use cars, buses, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to get around, but many roads in the cities are highly congested.
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (two-wheeled carts carrying one passenger that is pulled by person) are still used in Indian cities.