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Population spread

Sir: Your article “Overpopulation is ‘principal threat to planet’” (7 January) is misleading. If the entire population of the world were transported to the USA and spread evenly, population density there would be not much greater than it is now in the Netherlands. Furthermore, the quantity of the earth’s natural resources consumed by the average English child in terms of, say, energy usage, is eight times that of an average child in India or China. The most fundamental problem is not overpopulation, but the unsustainable lifestyles of the affluent West.

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- “If the ... the Netherlands.” (second sentence)
- 1p 2 What does David L. Gosling want to make clear with this remark?
- A Americans should learn to make better use of their space.
 - B The Netherlands are too small to accommodate all the Dutch.
 - C The number of people on earth is not the main cause of concern.
 - D The whole world may become as crowded as the Netherlands are now.
 - E Western countries are rich enough to admit lots of immigrants.