Comparing Population Size and Population Growth Rate

Each circle on this map represents one percent of the world's population.

The mapmaker has carefully chosen the sizes of the circles - they are very easy to see, but they are not so large that they overlap each other too much, even in the crowded places.

This makes it easy to group the regions of the world into four categories:

- 1. Crowded the circles cover the area, with little or no space between them.
- 2. Medium circles are fairly close to each other, but there is space around or between most of them.
- **3**. Low the area has some circles, but the spaces between them are larger than the circles.
- **4**. Nearly empty there are no circles in a fairly large area.

Compare this map with the map that shows the percent of the population under age 15 in various countries (a measure of how fast population is growing).

(less than	Medium (20 - 39 percent)	(40 percent

To Do: Write these names in the proper box on the matrix: Australia, China, Europe, India, Middle East, Siberia, United States, West Africa,