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DEMOGRAPHIC
TRANSITION

Fill in the gaps in the text with one word. More than one answer may be possible.

The Demographic Transition

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Answers:

The Demographic Transition

Overpopulation seems to be **one** of the buzz words of the 21st century. People are concerned that developed areas of the world will be **over** run by refugees from less developed nations. However, there is a model that throws this whole argument **out** of the window, "The Demographic Transition". This four-stage model, created in 1929 by American demographer Warren Thompson, explains **how** birth and death rates stabilize as a nation becomes more developed and **thus**, discarding the theory of the world becoming **too** over populated. In fact, it is widely believed that the world's population will never exceed 12 billion. The time for this process to complete can vary between nations, with many European nations having **already** completed the demographic transition. Iran and Malaysia did so in record time whereas there are other nations still carrying **out** the process. What is clear is that all nations are in at least one stage and this transition is the norm rather than an exception. So whatever your motive for wanting to avoid over population, we can all relax on the issue as it seems to be a chimera.