

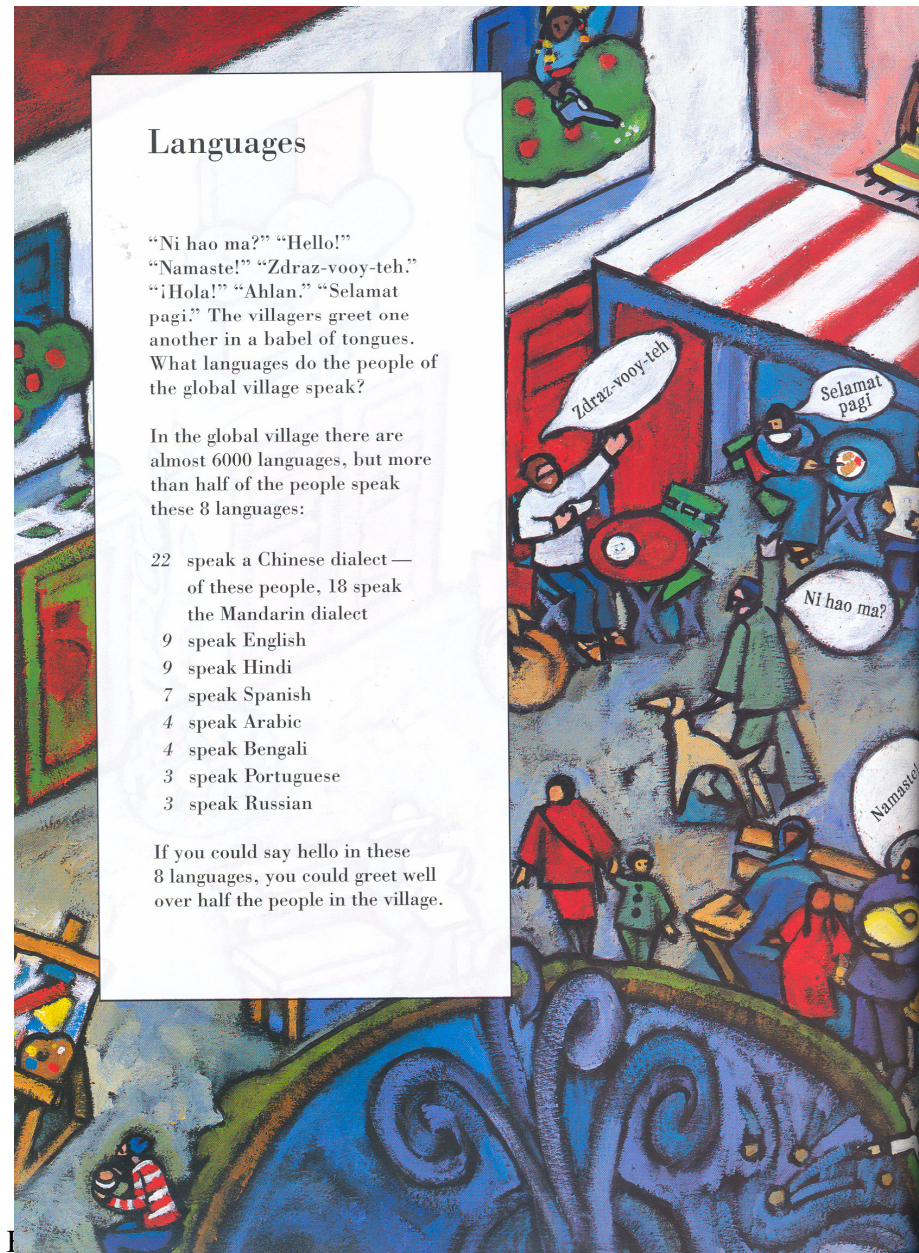
Languages

"Ni hao ma?" "Hello!"
"Namaste!" "Zdraz-vooy-teh."
"¡Hola!" "Ahlan." "Selamat
pagi." The villagers greet one
another in a babel of tongues.
What languages do the people of
the global village speak?

In the global village there are
almost 6000 languages, but more
than half of the people speak
these 8 languages:

- 22 speak a Chinese dialect —
of these people, 18 speak
the Mandarin dialect
- 9 speak English
- 9 speak Hindi
- 7 speak Spanish
- 4 speak Arabic
- 4 speak Bengali
- 3 speak Portuguese
- 3 speak Russian

If you could say hello in these
8 languages, you could greet well
over half the people in the village.



If the World Were a Village	
Author: David J Smith	Illustrator: Shelagh Armstrong
Allen & Unwin, Crow's Nest, NSW	Printed in 2006
ISBN: 1741148154	Grades 7-12
<p><i>If the World Were a Village</i> is contemporary picture book that contains a collection of statistics about the population of a village. The village is an imaginary place with 100 residents and each resident represents 64 million people from the real world. Numbers this big are hard to understand. The purpose of the book is to provide imagery and information about the world that provides a sense of the world within a population that is easier to visualise. The statistics in the book have been drawn from reliable sources and are relevant to 2005.</p>	
<p>Teaching Ideas</p> <p>The statistics in the book provide data that can be used to develop learning outcomes in SOSE as well as mathematics. The data can be used to support arguments developed to answer questions such as the ones suggested in the book. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If there is really enough food in the world, why do some people still go hungry? • What is a country? Why are there so many new ones trying for autonomy? • Why do so many people want to live somewhere else? Where are people migrating? • What do you think could be done to help the world's population growth slow down? 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Activities</p> <p>In the first instance, the data in the book can be converted to percentages and used to develop statistical literacy for students. It then can be extrapolated to apply to the world's population and used to predict information like how many people there will be in 2100. Students should be encouraged to pose questions that the data can be used to answer and represent the data in different ways.</p> <p>Throughout the book questions are posed that are worthy of exploration. For example, how much money do people in the global village have? From this question the distribution of wealth in the world can be investigated, along with average incomes, savings, and debt.</p>	