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Future Population Growth

Almost one third of the world's human population is under age 15. The table below lists the percentage of the population under age 15 in six different regions of the world.

Population Under Age 15 by Region

Region	Population Under Age 15
Africa	44%
Asia	31%
Europe	19%
Latin America	35%
North America	22%
Pacific Oceania	26%

Use the table to answer the following items.

1. List the regions in order from the one with the lowest percentage of population under age 15 to the one with the highest percentage.

Lowest

Highest

2. Use the data in the table to make a bar graph on a sheet of graph paper. Arrange the regions in order from lowest to highest percentage.
3. Which region do you think will have the greatest increase in its total population in the next 20 years? Why?

4. Is the increase in North America's total population likely to be larger or smaller than most other regions? Explain.

5. Why is the percentage of population under age 15 important for predicting future population growth?
