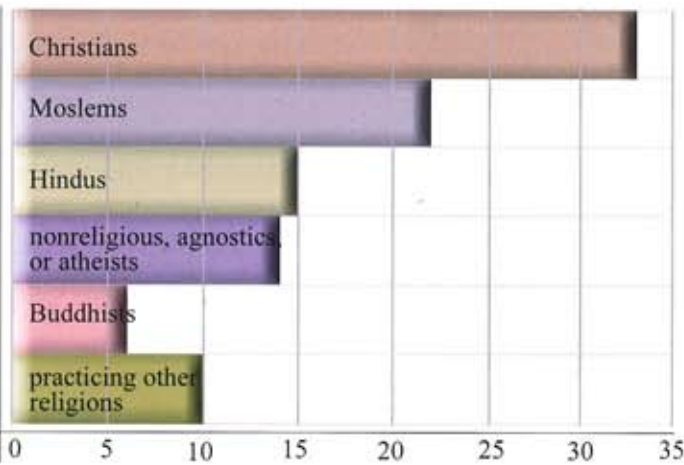


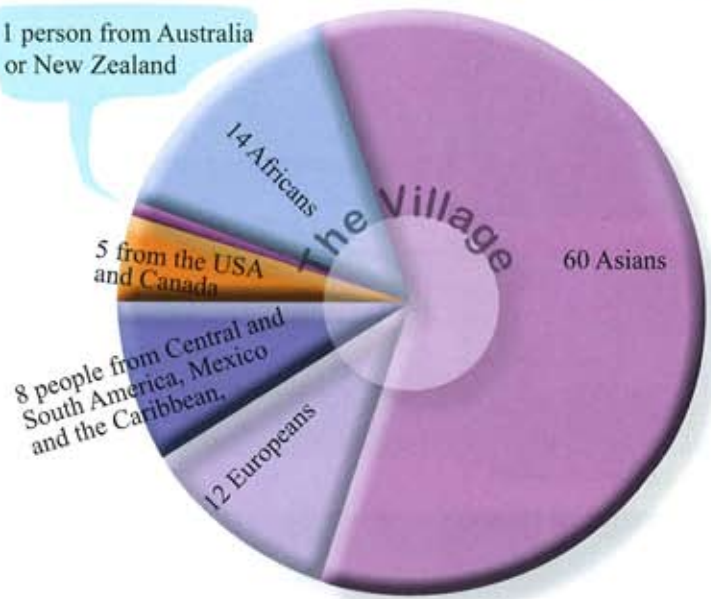
# THE VILLAGE REPORT

If the world were a village of only 100 people

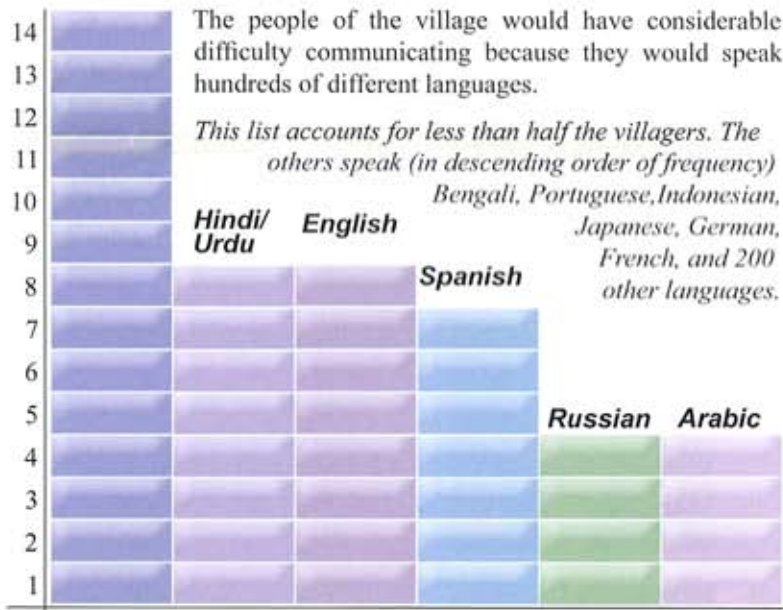
In the village there would be:



1 person from Australia or New Zealand



## Mandarin



## In this 100-person community:

- 80 would live in substandard housing.
- 67 adults live in the village, and half of them would be illiterate.
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition.
- 33 would not have access to clean, safe drinking water.
- 24 people would not have any electricity.
- The majority of the 76 that do have electricity would use it only for light at night.
- There would be 42 radios, 24 televisions, 14 telephones, and 7 computers. (Some villagers own more than one of each).
- 7 people would own an automobile. (Some of them more than one.)
- 5 people would possess 32% of the entire village's wealth, and these would all be from the USA.
- The poorest one-third of the people would receive only 3% of the income of the village.

## To ponder

- If you woke up this morning healthy, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week.
- If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the fear and loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pain of starvation, you are better off than 500 million people in the world.
- If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep, you are more comfortable than 75% of the people in this world.
- If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.
- If you can read this, you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all.