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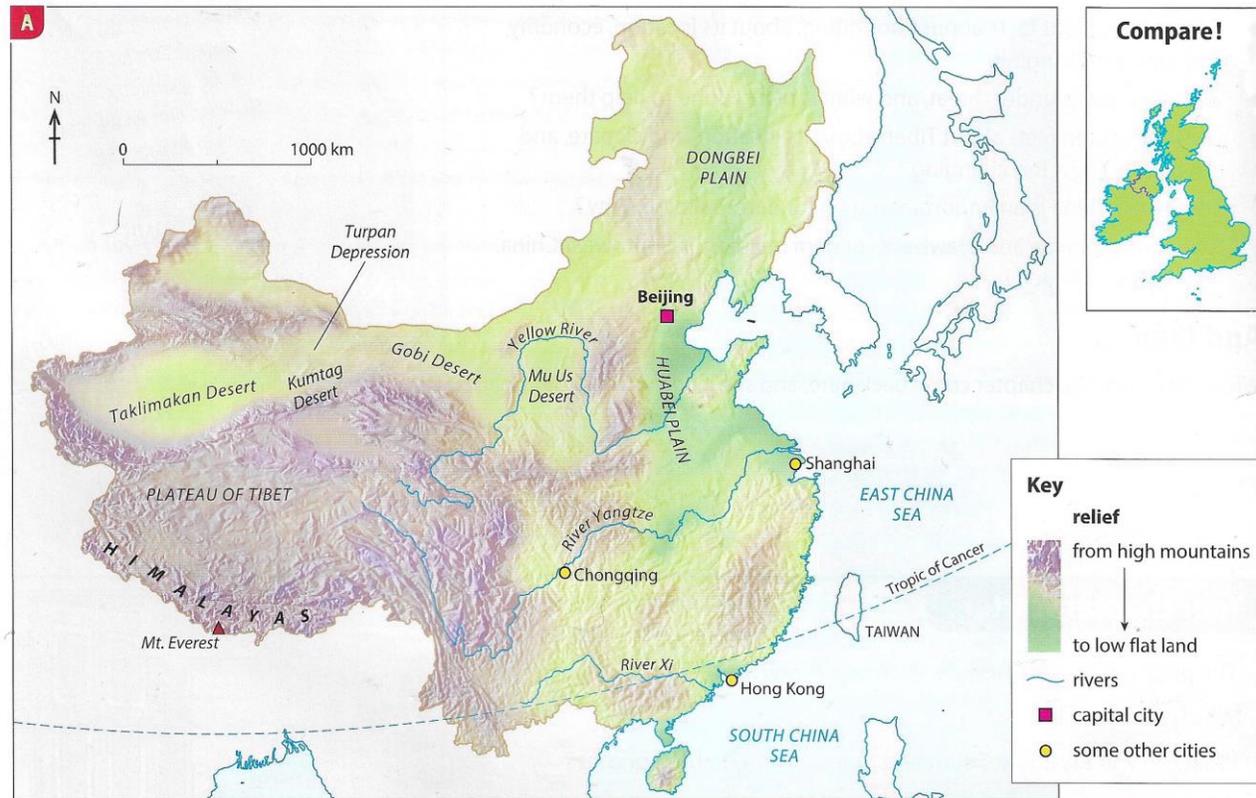
- China has a population of 1.37 billion – more than any other country!
- It is the World's top **exporter** of manufactured goods
- The 3rd longest river in the World – the Yangtze flows through it.
- The World's biggest mountains (The Himalayas) form its southern border
- It is the 4th biggest country by area – because of this it has a range of **climates** and landscapes: From the high altitude **plateau** of Tibet to **deserts** such as the Gobi and the **densely populated** cities of its East Coast.

The rise of China!

40 years ago China was very poor. The government owned all the land and factories and told people exactly what to do.

In 1979 China's leaders made big changes – allowing people to start their own businesses and opening the country up to **trade** with other countries.

Today China is a **NEE** (Newly Emerging Economy) and it has the fastest growing economy in the World.



The One-Child Policy



In 1978 China passed a law which stated that couples were only allowed to have one baby. This was introduced because there were great concerns that China's **population** was growing too quickly and there would not be enough space or **resources** for everyone to live comfortably in the future.

People who broke the rules and had a second baby were treated very badly, they were given **fines** which cost more to pay than people earned in a year. If the fine couldn't be paid then personal belongings were taken and people were sent to jail. There were some reports of people having their houses pulled down. Being an only child meant that many children were spoiled by their families and were nicknamed '**little emperors** or empresses'. Many children became obese and were selfish.

Many people in China prefer having **boys** rather than girls. This is because of a strong sense of tradition that boys carry on the family name, earn more money and can look after their parents when they become old. This led to many reports of people abandoning baby girls so that they could try again for a boy.

Before 2002 forced abortion or **sterilisation** was permitted as a punishment to women breaking the rules and having more than one baby.

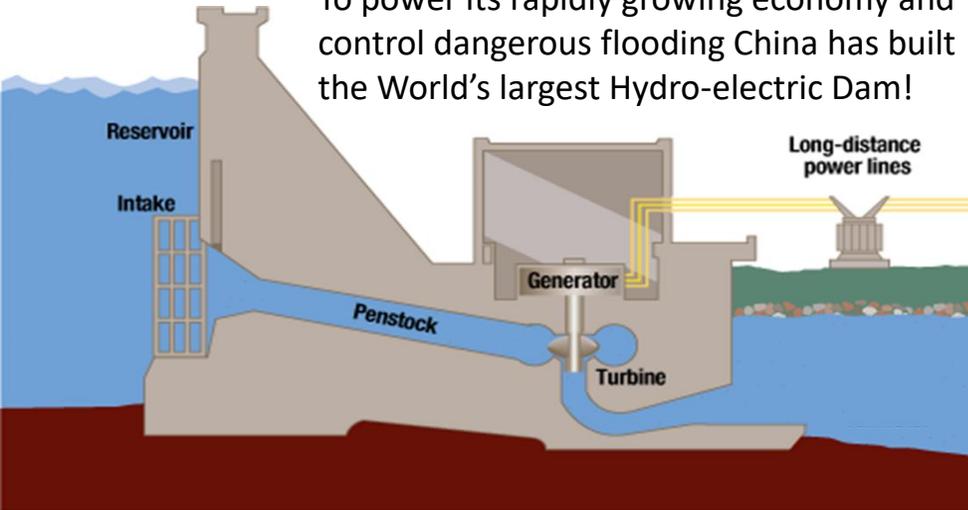
There are now many lonely, single males in China as there are not enough women for them to form relationships with.

Despite the problems of the policy, it was effective and population rates fell in China. The government say this means that people in China now have more money to live a better quality of life.

On January 1st 2016 The One Child Policy was **abolished** by China, people can now have more than one baby.

The Three Gorges Dam

To power its rapidly growing economy and control dangerous flooding China has built the World's largest Hydro-electric Dam!



	Positives of the project	Negatives of the project
Economic	The dam will generate vast amounts of cheap electricity for China's homes and factories.	The dam cost £27 billion to construct
Social	The dam will control floods on the river Yangtze which have killed hundreds of thousands of people in the past.	1.4 million people were forced to leave their homes to make way for the dam and the huge reservoir behind it
Environmental	The electricity generated by the dam is renewable and produces no CO2	The dam threatens the habitats of many animals including the endangered pink river dolphin.

Hukou is a household registration card that all Chinese people must have. You need your Hukou to enrol in school, get married, work as well as everyday activities such as buying a train ticket or buying certain medicines! To try and control **urbanisation** people from rural areas do not have the same Hukou as urban areas. This means new arrivals do not have the same rights those born in the city. Many people feel this is unfair. China has also refused to grant a Hukou to those born illegally under the **One Child policy** – these children are not able to go to school, get a job or get married!

Hokou



Chongqing

Chongqing is a massive urban area home to over 30million people with a 1300 new arrivals every day. The city is the one of the fastest growing in the World – this process is know as **Urbanisation**. People are PULLED to the city looking for employment (in factories and construction) and a better standard of living. They are PUSHED out of rural areas by the lack of opportunities and services.

Tibet

Tibet is located in SW China. It is often known as the 'roof of the World' as most of it is 4.5km above sea level. Before 1950 it was a separate country led by its spiritual leader – The Dalai Lama. Then in 1950 the Chinese army moved in to protect its border with India. By 1959 it had taken over control of the country and the Dhalai Lama fled!

