



If the World Were a Village

A gallery based on the book 'If the World Were a Village' by David J Smith and Shelagh Armstrong has opened and needs some exhibits.

In the book, the world's population (6, 660, 000, 000) is represented in the imaginary village of 100 residents so that each resident represents approximately 67 million people from the real world.

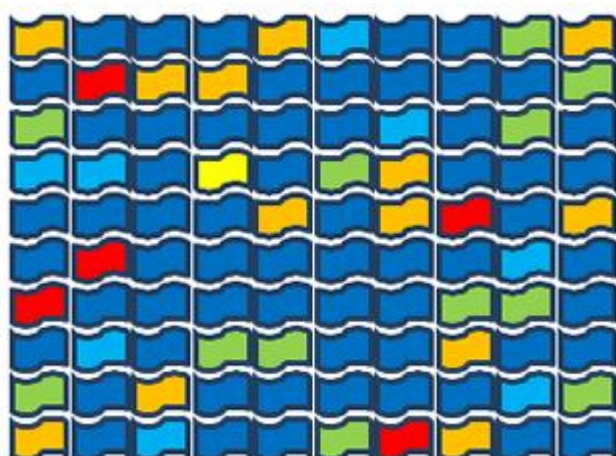
In the village, 61 people are from Asia; 13 are from Africa; 12 are from Europe; 8 are from South America, Central America and the Caribbean; 5 are from Canada and the United States; 1 is from Oceania.

How shall we represent this?

In these pictures, 1 flag represents 1 person.

Asia	61
Africa	13
Europe	12
South America, Central America and the Caribbean	8
Canada and the United States	5
Oceania	1

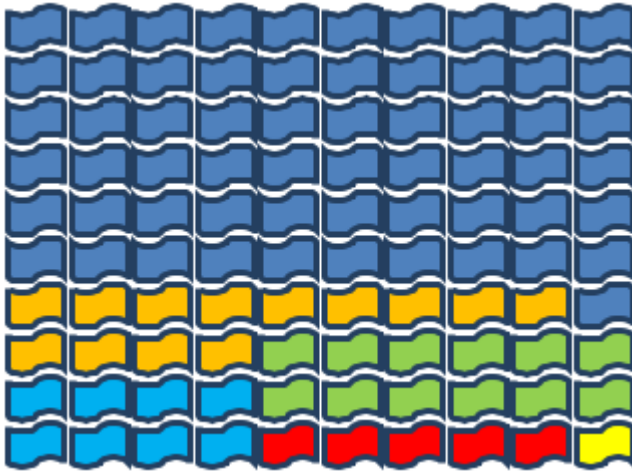
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What do you think? Which representation makes you realise that there are LOADS more people from Asia than anywhere else? Which was easiest to count? Why do you think a flag was used in these representations?

Your challenge will be to decide how to represent some of the data from the book. Here are some more suggestions:

Electricity:

- 76 have electricity. 24 do not.
- In the village, the people with electricity have between them: 42 radios, 25 televisions, 61 telephones and 15 computers.

Air and Water:

- 82 have access to a source of safe water either in their homes or within a short distance. 18 do not and must spend a large part of each day simply getting safe water.
- 64 have access to adequate sanitation - they have public or household sewage disposal - while 36 do not.
- 68 breathe clean air, while 32 breathe air that is unhealthy because of pollution.