

Among the Hickers, Shadow Children Series
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Among the Hickers is a fictional story. However, in China there are laws that limit family size. Research China's effort to control its population and answer the following questions. Use Internet resources or other reference sources.

1. What is China's most production policy currently – collect? _____
2. Write a brief description of the policy. _____

3. Why does China have these production policies? _____
4. What does the Chinese government do for families to encourage them to only have one child? _____

What Do You Think?

What is your opinion of the One Child Family Policy in China?
Do you agree or disagree with the policy?

Recall the story ...

Write the letter of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

1. At the beginning of the book, Luke thought of the Government as a huge mean person who:
(A) forced people to work in labor camps.
(B) went around visiting or people, "test always" and "stop that!"
(C) must listen to all the conditions from the Population Police.
2. Luke's room was: (A) in the office (B) in the basement (C) in the store.
3. The Population Police:
(A) mostly ignored the presence of a third child.
(B) made daily inspections of every house and counted the children that lived there.
(C) made it difficult to enforce the law against a third child.
4. The password to Jerry's third room for their children was: (A) hidden (B) free (C) hidden
5. When Jerry's father offered to get Luke a fake ID, Luke _____
(A) called the Population Police.
(B) ran home and hid.
(C) eventually accepted the offer.