



Where in the World

Quick Quiz: Around The World On The Web

(NAPSA)—From blogs to streaming video, the Web can be a great way to get firsthand accounts of news from around the world.

According to the National Institute for Technology and Liberal Education, there are nearly three million blogs on the Web—many of which are news related. Similarly, about 14.2 billion streaming videos were added to the Web in one year alone, according to AccuStream iMedia Research.

Streaming news reports can be found at sites such as

www.pbs.org/frontlineworld. The site features multimedia stories that are companion reports for stories that air on the popular PBS show “FRONTLINE/World.”

The site also includes a weekly online-only streaming video series called “Rough Cuts” and other reports that feature a mix of videos, text-only dispatches and slide shows from around the world.

So how Web savvy are you and how much has the Web taught you about the world around us? Try this quick quiz to gauge your global Web awareness.



Web Watch—The Web can be a great way to explore the world.

QUESTIONS

- 1.) In which city did Mother Theresa establish most of her orphanages?
 - a) Rome, Italy
 - b) Calcutta, India
 - c) Havana, Cuba
- 2.) What percentage of the world’s population lives in cities?
 - a) Nearly half
 - b) One quarter
 - c) Less than one quarter
- 3.) How many in South Africa do not have fresh drinking water?
 - a) One million
 - b) Three million
 - c) Five million
- 4.) True or False: Global warming only affects the weather.
- 5.) True or False: Only natural disasters cause people to become refugees.

Answers

- 1.) (b) Calcutta. Calcutta has one of the largest orphan populations of any city in the world (up to 200,000, according to one Calcutta study). A streaming Web video of three Midwest teens who return to the Calcutta orphanage they spent their childhood in helps document the plight of Calcutta orphans. Cameras follow as the girls explore their roots and wrestle with their dual identities as Indian-Americans.
- 2.) (a) Census data shows that nearly half of the world’s population lives in cities. However, the city life is not for everyone. For instance, cameras traveled outside the bustle of Tokyo to the quiet island of Shikoku. There, Web reporters interviewed a handful of young urban refugees who opted to give farming a try.
- 3.) (c) In rural villages across South Africa, some five million people don’t have access to clean drinking water. Trevor Field, a canny entrepreneur, decided to tackle South Africa’s water woes in his own novel and enterprising way—using a children’s merry-go-round to pump clean drinking water. His story is reported on the Web by Africa correspondent Amy Costello.
- 4.) False. In fact, Tuvalu, a small nation in the South Pacific, is threatened by rising ocean levels believed to be caused by global warming. Reporter Elizabeth Pollock travels into the heart of Polynesia to see if the people of Tuvalu will have to abandon the islands they have inhabited for 2,000 years. The report can be seen on the Web.
- 5.) False. War is a common cause as well. For instance, decades of violence—much of it tied to the drug trade—have ravaged Colombia. Fighting between left-wing guerrillas, right-wing paramilitaries and government soldiers has forced many civilians to flee their villages. One streaming video story, reported by Deborah Correa, joins a group of these refugees, who are determined to reclaim their hometown.