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- Two facts about Shenzhen, in China
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Suburban Las Vegas sprawls into the Nevada ... **desert** / ocean / rainforest.

Tokyo is now the largest city on Earth, with a population of ... **38,000** / 3.8 million / 38 million.

Shenzhen in China forms a megatropolis with nine neighbouring ... **fishing villages** / cities / planets.

This megatropolis has a population of 60m and an area of over 50,000 ... **metres²** / km² / miles².

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