It is unquestionably true that the lack of **accommodation** is one of the most pressing problems around the world. While it is fairly simple to **identify** the reasons behind this , it is much more difficult to find a solution. Indeed, governments are likely to have to **implement** a **range** of different measures to address this **issue**.

This shortage of housing has a variety of causes, some of which are connected. Perhaps the most **significant** of these is the rate at which the world's population is **expanding** , with some **experts predicting** that there will be around 11 billion people on the planet in the foreseeable future. This is itself partially a result of the fact that people are now living much longer because of improved health services. The other **major** cause is that in many countries the average size of households is falling with more people opting to live on their own and not with their family.

Given the **complexity** of the causes behind the population explosion, it is not **straightforward** to suggest just one solution. Naturally, governments should try to build more housing, but this is not a complete answer as space and **resources** are limited. Another possibility is to **ensure** that people in developing countries in particular are better informed about family planning and contraception because this would help reduce the birth rate. It would also help if people were encouraged to share **accommodation** more, but this may be unlikely to be practical.

In **conclusion**, my view is that the causes behind the shortage of housing are **complex** and a **range** of different measures will be **required** if any lasting solution to this problem is to be **found** .