

## 2.5 JAPAN'S ECONOMIC FUTURE

**Examine Japan's Economic Options**

In Section 2.5, you read about some of the economic problems that Japan faces in the future. Review these problems and their possible solutions and list them in the chart below. Then answer the questions.

**Japan's Economy**

PROBLEM	POSSIBLE SOLUTION

- Form and Support Opinions** In your opinion, which economic problem presents the greatest challenge for Japan? Explain.
- Make Predictions** Japan's population is expected to decrease from 127 million to about 100 million by 2050. What effect could this decrease have on businesses in other countries that export products to Japan?
- Make Inferences** How might China's rapidly growing economy encourage Japan to change its trade policies?
- Analyze Cause and Effect** People in Japan tend to save more of their income than people in the United States and other developed countries do. What impact might increased consumer spending have on Japan's economy?