Global Issues

ACTIVITY SET FOR DISCUSSION, NAMING AND LEARNING ABOUT GLOBAL ISSUES WE FACE.

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LET'S WRITE ABOUT

HOW TO MAKE THE
WORLD A BETTER PLACE

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GLOBAL ISSUES

Select the 5 world problems that you think are the most important.
Be prepared to defend your selections.

◯ OVER-POPULATION	◯ OVER-CONSUMPTION
◯ POVERTY	◯ TERRORISM
◯ POLLUTION	◯ DICTATORSHIPS
◯ DEFORESTATION	◯ OCEAN POLLUTION
◯ WAR	◯ CORPORATE CRIMES
◯ GENDER EQUALITY	◯ WATER SCARCITY
◯ SANITATION	◯ ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE
◯ ILLNESS / DISEASE	◯ POACHING
◯ DISCRIMINATION	◯ GLOBAL WARMING

If electric cars are the future, why don't we see them on every street?	Will eating less beef help the planet? How?
Are there too many people on the planet? If so, how can we deal with this?	How can you change your lifestyle so it is more environmentally friendly?
The Japanese want to eat whale meat. Should we let them?	Is city living or country living better for the planet?
In India, cows are sacred. But they create a lot of methane gas? What can be done?	GMOs. Genetically modified food is available in the supermarket. Is it healthy?
Do you support giving every person over 18 a guaranteed wage?	Homelessness? What is the cause? How can we fix it?
Do you think drugs should all be legal? Some? None?	If plastic bottles are bad. Why do people keep using them and buying bottled water?
Would you share a car with your neighbors - to help save the earth?	How can we give an education to every single child on this earth?
Do you think life is better now than 100 years ago? Why? Why not?	What one world problem drives you crazy? What's your solution?

Is global warming real? If so, what should be done?	Do you recycle? Should plastic bags be banned?
Does everyone have the right to have a gun? What is the cause of "mass shootings"?	How big is your ecological "footprint"?
How can we protect extinct animals and stop poaching?	Should drugs be legalized? Why do people get addicted?
Cigarettes kill many people. Should they be illegal?	How can we protect the Amazon?
Who is your world hero? Someone who changed the world for the better.	Do you think we'll ever see a world without war?
What is the best political system?	Do you think more people should become vegan?
Immigration. Should people be allowed to live and work in any country?	Organic food. Why is it so much more expensive?
Do protests work and help change things for the better?	What is the future for energy?

Are meetings like the G7 productive and good?	What small things can a person do to help the world?
Do you believe charity helps people or does it create dependency?	Arms trade. How can we control the sale of arms internationally?
Do you live simply? How can we all live with less?	Is the world better now or was it better 50 years ago?
Is having many children selfish and wrong?	How can we produce less garbage?
Where do the clothes you are wearing come from? Any from "sweatshops"?	What are the top 5 problems facing the planet today?
What is the number 1 problem the world needs to solve?	What's one thing can you do right now to help the world?
Does your vote count? Does the UN matter anymore?	Why do people leave their country and migrate?
Is the world becoming more hateful? What can't we all live together in peace?	Should we spend money on space exploration or use it for problems on earth?

Populations are aging. What has to change to support this?	What should we do to help stop malaria?
Deforestation. Is it a big problem? What can we do about this?	Education. Is this a right or a privilege?
Trade. Do you agree that free trade is good?	What can we do to help stop glaciers and the ice cap from melting?
What is a good movie to watch about a global issue?	Are you involved in any organization helping to make the planet better?
How can we encourage people to drive less?	How big a problem is alchoholism? Can we ever stop it?
Do you think drugs should all be legal? Some? None?	Is nuclear energy safe? Why? Why not?
Terrorism. Define it. Who is a "terrorist"?	Do we need to regulate large companies more?
Is your online data safe? How can you protect it?	Do governments and companies know too much about us?

Top 10 Global Issues

List 10 global issues, things affecting all people on the planet.
After, discuss and rank them in order of importance 1 - 10.

Global Issues – questions and tasks

1. Answer the following questions.
   a) What can be called a global issue? Can you name any?
   b) What do you think are the three most serious issues the world / our country is facing at the moment?
   c) Why do you think so many people become involved in crime? Is there a way to prevent them from doing it?
   d) Do you think drug dealing and prostitution should be legal? What would change?
   e) What social problems is this country facing now? Can anything be done about them?
   f) What wars and conflicts are going on in the world? What are their causes? Do you think such problems can be solved peacefully?
   g) Do you know any countries where human rights are violated? In what way?
   h) How does the growth in population affect the environment?
   i) Do you remember any natural disasters that have happened recently?
   j) What can everyone do to help protect the environment?
   k) Do you separate rubbish?
   l) What does it mean when something is environmentally friendly?
   m) What can cause global warming? Is there a way to reduce it?
   n) Have you ever experienced floods or fire? What did you do? Can you do anything to protect yourself from them? What would you do if a flood was endangering your home?
   o) Should we help people from other countries facing their own social issues or natural disasters? Why / why not? If yes, how could we help them?
   p) Do you think we should clone animals and children? Why? Why not?
   q) Should animals be kept in zoos?

2. Write a for and against essay on one of the following topics. Write 200–250 words.

   a) Nuclear Energy: Good or Bad?
   b) Animal Experiments
   c) Helping the Poor: Does it make any sense?

3. Your classmates have decided to organise a group and carry out a project to improve the environment in your town. You are asking your teacher for help in order to specify your goals and programme. The teacher will start the conversation. Discuss the following:
   - main environmental problems,
   - possible solutions,
   - ways to make your project work,
   - people in charge of the project,
   - basic schedule.

Global Issues Trivia Questions

population of the world?
a. 3.5 billion; b. 6.5 billion;
c. 10.5 billion; d. 18.5 billion

2. What was the world's human
    population in 1960?
    a. 0.5 billion; b. 1 billion;
    c. 3 billion; d. 5 billion

3. At current rates of growth, what will
    world population be in 2050?
    About 9 billion

4. What are the first, second, third,
    and fourth most-populous
    countries in the world?
    From first to fourth most populous:
    China, India, United States,
    Indonesia

5. By about how many people per year
    is world population growing?
    a. 25 million; b. 55 million;
    c. 80 million; d. 95 million

6. What percentage of the world's
    people today live in cities?
    a. 10%; b. 25%; c. 50%; d. 80%

7. What city in the world has
    the largest population?
    Tokyo with 33.2 million

8. Because of urban sprawl in the
    United States, an area the size of
    which state is paved over each year?
    a. Texas; b. Delaware;
    c. Rhode Island; d. Kansas

9. In 1950, average life expectancy
    worldwide was:
    a. 36; b. 49; c. 56; d. 66

10. In 2000, average life expectancy
    worldwide was:
    a. 46; b. 56; c. 65; d. 76

11. What is the measurement tool called
    that is used to describe the area of
    the Earth's surface necessary to
    support a given human lifestyle?
    Ecological Footprint

12. What country has the largest
    Ecological Footprint per person?
    a. United States; b. Italy;
    c. Japan; d. Afghanistan

13. What environmental concern is associated with
    habitat loss? Biodiversity—extinction of species

14. What are some humane methods proven to
    reduce population growth? Provide access to
    reproductive health care; educate and empower
    women; reduce poverty

15. Roughly what percentage of the world's people
    live on $2 a day or less?
    a. 15%; b. 30%; c. 40%; d. 65%

16. Roughly what percentage of the world's people
    live on $1 a day or less?
    a. 10%; b. 20%; c. 45%; d. 60%

17. What is the most widely spoken language on
    Earth? Mandarin Chinese

18. Roughly how many people in the
    world today are chronically hungry?
    800 million

19. Roughly what percentage of the world's people
    lack access to a safe water supply? a. 10%; b.
    15%; c. 20%; d. 50%

20. Approximately what percentage of global
    energy do hydrocarbon fuels generate? a. 20%;
    b. 40%; c. 60%; d. 80%

21. What activity accounts for the highest water use
    worldwide - agriculture, industry, or domestic?
    Agriculture accounts for about 65-70% of water
    use; industry for about 20-25%; and domestic
    for about 13%

22. Worldwide, how many cars and
    trucks are in use each day?
    a. 10 million; b. 100 million;
    c. 200 million; d. 600 million

23. What is a renewable resource?
    A resource such as trees, wind, or fish that can
    be replaced as it is consumed

24. What element do many scientists believe can
    provide an unlimited source of clean energy?
    Hydrogen

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