

# TOP GLOBAL ISSUES

Video Lesson

Discuss and decide what are some of the most important issues facing the planet and our survival.



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# TOP 5



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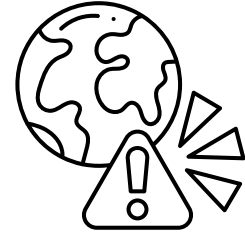
The #1 thing a person can do to help make change is ....

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# 5 PRESSING WORLD ISSUES

**So, what exactly are the world's biggest problems?**

Well, first and foremost, poverty is an inescapable issue for nearly all developing countries. Roughly one in seven people around the world live on less than \$1.25 a day, and nearly half of the global population lives on just \$2.50. While about a third of the world's poor are located in India, only 10 countries house 80% of the poorest people on Earth.



Closely tied to poverty is the issue of hunger. Inadequate nutrition contributes to nearly half of all child deaths worldwide. And in regions like Sub-Saharan Africa, one in four people are malnourished. As a result, nearly 800 million people don't have access to enough food to live healthy, active lives.

Similarly, water and sanitation are absolute necessities. Yet, nearly the same number of people without access to food lack access to water. And a third of the world's population risks disease by not not having adequate sanitation.

Another major issue for developing countries is a lack of educational opportunities. The UN predicted in 2011 that if all students had even basic reading skills, world poverty could be reduced by more than 10%. But illiteracy is an asymmetrical problem and affects considerably more women than men. Of roughly 780 million illiterate adults worldwide, two-thirds are female. As a result, women have considerably fewer opportunities, and it hurts a country's ability to progress economically without a fully educated workforce.

This inequality is rampant and not exclusively relegated to gender. Economic inequality is also drawn along racial and social divides. Countries like Namibia see only a few thousand white land owners owning almost half of the country's agricultural land for a population of more than 2 million. In fact, land distribution has become an increasingly relevant issue. With man-made climate change, deforestation and overfishing, the rapid environmental decline might be too late to reverse.

Although organizations like the UN have implemented standards and work to save forests, oceans and the atmosphere, it continues to be a serious issue for the international community. The UN summit's 17 global goals span from micro to macro and hope to contribute to solutions for the world's biggest problems. Their communication, training, and financial support, it's up to influential world leaders and average citizens to seek to improve the world.



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

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OVER-POPULATION

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OVER-CONSUMPTION

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POVERTY

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TERRORISM

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POLLUTION

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DICTATORSHIPS

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DEFORESTATION

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EDUCATION

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WAR

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CORPORATE CRIMES

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WATER SCARCITY

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SANITATION

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ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

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ILLNESS / DISEASE

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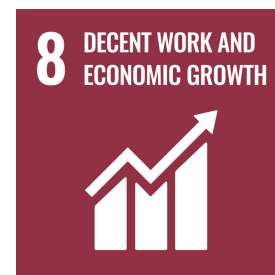
POACHING

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HUNGER

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GLOBAL WARMING





**Is global warming real? If so, what should be done?**



**Do you recycle?  
Should plastic bags be banned?**



**Why are so many homeless? What should be done?**



**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 killer in the world?**



**What 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?**



**Should we spend money on space exploration or use it for problems on earth?**



**Populations are aging.  
How should we 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 with 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  
environmental issues?**



**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  
alcoholism? 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?**



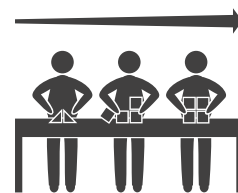
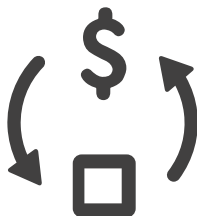
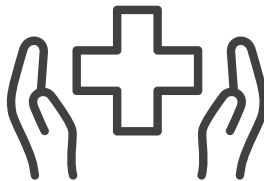
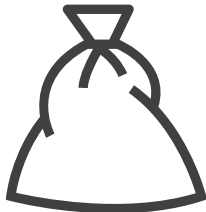
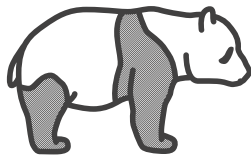
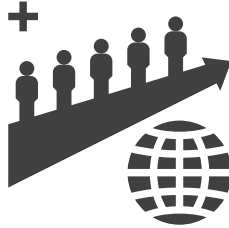
**Is your online data  
safe? How can you  
protect it?**



**Do governments and  
companies know too  
much about us?**

# Global Issues Talk

Choose a global issue and ask your partner their thoughts, possible solutions and discuss.

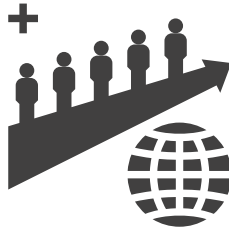


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overpopulation



gender inequality



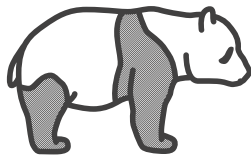
clean water, drought



pollution



poverty, hunger, starvation



poaching, endangered animals



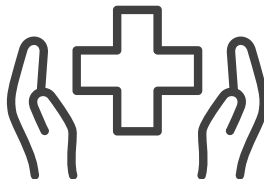
literacy, education



war, terrorism



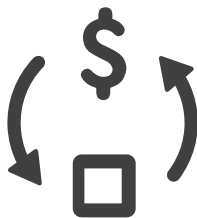
waste, litter, plastic



health care, disease



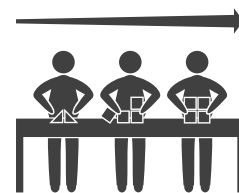
sanitation



trade



energy, nuclear power



sweatshops, corporations



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