



VOCABULARY BANK

# Global Issues

Global Issues | Bank 1: poverty, inequality and charities | Cambridge IGCSE ESL 0511

## 1. Quick confidence check

Before you study the topic, mark the column that best describes your confidence with each word or phrase.

Word or phrase	New to me	I recognise it	I can use it
poverty	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
inequality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
basic needs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
access to education	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
healthcare	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
charity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
donate money	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
volunteer time	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
support a cause	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
make a difference	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
fair opportunity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
living conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 2. Vocabulary bank

Here are some useful words, adjectives, verbs and chunks that can be reused in exam answers. If you are not sure of their meaning, check online or ask your teacher.

Category	Useful vocabulary
Problems	poverty, inequality, basic needs, poor living conditions, lack of healthcare, limited access to education
Help	charity, donate money, volunteer time, support a cause, organise a campaign, make a difference
Fairness	fair opportunity, equal rights, social problem, improve lives, local community, global responsibility
Opinion chunks	One serious issue is..., People can help by..., A charity might..., Everyone should have access to..., This could improve lives because...

### 3. Match the meaning

Match each word or phrase with the correct meaning. Then choose four and write your own examples.

No.	Word or phrase	Meaning
1	poverty	a. things people need to live, such as food, water and shelter
2	inequality	b. help an issue or organisation you believe in
3	basic needs	c. the situation of not having enough money for basic needs
4	charity	d. a reasonable chance to succeed or take part
5	support a cause	e. an unfair difference between groups of people
6	fair opportunity	f. an organisation that helps people or causes

### 4. Build useful chunks

Choose useful chunks from the grid. Then write three natural sentences you could use in a speaking or writing answer.

Useful chunk	Useful chunk	Useful chunk
poverty and inequality	basic needs	living conditions
access to education	healthcare	fair opportunity
support a charity	volunteer time	make a difference

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

### 5. Read in context

Read the text. The bold words are from the vocabulary bank.

#### Helping with Global Problems

Many global issues are connected to **poverty** and inequality. Some families do not have enough money to meet their **basic needs**.

Children may also have limited **access to education** or healthcare. Without these services, it can be harder for people to improve their living conditions.

A **charity** can help by providing food, school materials or medical support. People may **donate money** or volunteer time to support a cause.

Small actions cannot solve every problem, but they can still **make a difference**. When people work together, they can create fairer opportunities for others.

## 6. Check your understanding

Answer the questions in your own words. Use the vocabulary bank where it fits naturally.

### READING CHECK

1. What are many global issues connected to?

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2. Why is access to education important?

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3. How might a charity help?

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4. Why can small actions still matter?

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### VOCABULARY IN CONTEXT

#### What does 'basic needs' mean?

- A. Things people need to live, such as food, water and shelter
- B. Expensive products people want
- C. Extra school clubs
- D. Online entertainment

#### What is the writer's main point?

- A. People can help global problems through practical support.
- B. Charities are never useful.
- C. Education does not affect lives.
- D. Inequality is only a local issue.

## 7. Use the vocabulary

Task	What to do
Speaking 1	Describe one global issue that concerns you.
Speaking 2	Discuss this question: Should young people volunteer for charities?
Writing	Write a short paragraph explaining how people can support a cause.
Review	Return to the confidence table. Choose one item you want to improve and write a clear example sentence.

## 8. Topic discussion questions

Use these for pair work, small-group discussion, or speaking-test warm-up practice.

- What basic needs should everyone have?
- How can schools support charities?
- Is donating money better than volunteering time?
- Why is education important for equality?
- Can one person make a difference?

**ANSWER KEY**

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## 3. Match the meaning

1. c = the situation of not having enough money for basic needs
2. e = an unfair difference between groups of people
3. a = things people need to live, such as food, water and shelter
4. f = an organisation that helps people or causes
5. b = help an issue or organisation you believe in
6. d = a reasonable chance to succeed or take part

## 6. Check your understanding

1. Poverty and inequality.
  2. It helps people improve their living conditions and opportunities.
  3. By providing food, school materials or medical support.
  4. They can help create fairer opportunities when people work together.
- MCQ 1: A. Things people need to live, such as food, water and shelter.
- MCQ 2: A. People can help global problems through practical support.