

GLOBAL ISSUES

They very much affect us and we divide them into 4 large groups.

1) Social

-Poverty; millions of undernourished, starved people, their health and even life is in danger because of it,

-Ageing; population's rate of ageing is very fast, exponential, 1 out of 7 billion people is 60 years old or older,

-Overpopulation; larger population=larger consumption, higher density of population, excessive,

-Health; percentages of infections which endanger humankind are dropping (malaria, HIV, TBC).

On the other hand people suffer from diabetes, cancer, coronary disease more and more often.

2) Political

-Human rights (equal/unequal?),

-Gender equality (equality of rights for men and women),

-Immigration (all time high, Syrian refugees),

-Terrorism (ISIS- Paris, are people safe?).

3) Economic

-Global financial crisis (07-08, we are on the road of recovery, financial growth).

4) Environmental

- Air pollution (industry, vehicles),

-Water pollution (man made waste, chemicals),

-Ground pollution (air and water pollution=ground pollution; is gardening, farming safe?),

-Global warming (atmospheric temperature rise=ice melting=higher sea levels, climate changes),

-Deforestation (only a third of initial forest coverage left, we are massively cutting down trees).

VOCABULARY

Global issues; significant matters facing the world.

Undernourished; supplied with less than the minimum amount of food essential for health & growth.

Poverty; a state of having very little or no money, material goods, food etc.

Overpopulation; excessive number of people.

Feminism; fights for the equality of sexes.

Pollution; process of making air, ground, water not safe or unsuitable to/for use.

Global warming; rise in the atmospheric temperature resulting climatic changes.

Greenhouse gases; trap the heat in the atmosphere.

Deforestation; action of clearing forests and leaving cleared land.

Immigration; the act of someone coming to live in a different country.