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Changes

Vocabulary

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Changing world

I can talk about global issues.

1 Complete the sentences with the words below.

armed conflicts climate change epidemics famine
global capitalism life expectancy poverty refugees



- Most scientists attribute the rising number of violent storms to _____.
- In 2015, scientists battled to control the spread of two global _____, Ebola and Zika.
- In the UK, average _____ is 81.
- Although _____ has made some countries richer, widespread inequality remains.
- The number of _____ has fallen in recent years, but more people are killed in them.
- Education offers these children a chance to escape the _____ they were born into.
- When violence erupted, thousands of _____ were forced to flee.
- In this region, another year without rain has made _____ almost inevitable.

2 Circle the word which has a completely different meaning from the other three.

- tumble / nose-dive / crash / mushroom
- outpace / plateau / surpass / outstrip
- level off / fluctuate / plateau / flatline
- surge / rocket / mushroom / plunge

3 Circle the word which makes better sense in these verb phrases.

- gradually evolve / revise
- make a tiny adjustment / conversion
- completely adjust / transform
- adapt / vary widely
- undergo genetic amendments / mutations
- make an accidental / ingenious modification

4 1.18 Listen to six speakers. Complete each summary with the correct form of the verb phrases from exercise 3.

- Speaker 1 says that reactions to his invention have _____ but he is still hopeful.
- Speaker 2 says that the village she lives in is _____ into a tourist resort.
- Speaker 3 says that the new head teacher has _____ his school.
- Speaker 4 says that she has saved a lot of money by _____ to the heating in her home.
- Speaker 5 says that he has _____ to his son's wheelchair.
- Speaker 6 says that, over millions of years, this cave-dwelling fish _____ which led to its loss of sight.

5 USE OF ENGLISH Choose the correct words (a–d) to complete the text.

IN 2000, the United Nations set out some ambitious goals which they hoped the world would achieve over the next few decades. One of these was that the number of people living in poverty in the developing world should ¹ _____ from 43% to 21% by 2015 – a 50% reduction. In fact, the number ² _____ so quickly that this target was met in 2010. Having ³ _____ everyone's expectations, the United Nations has now ⁴ _____ its goal. Its new aim is to eradicate world poverty completely by 2030. This is certainly very ambitious, but many experts believe it is achievable. Over the past three decades, economic growth has been the main driving force behind the reduction in poverty. In China, for example, poverty rates have ⁵ _____ from 84% to 10% since the 1980s. Provided growth does not ⁶ _____, the number of people living in poverty worldwide should continue to ⁷ _____. However, equality is also an important factor. As economies grow, governments must make sure that the poorest in society do not ⁸ _____ the rest.



- a soar b overtake c plateau d plummet
- a outpaced b plunged c rocketed d mounted
- a mushroomed b surpassed c crashed d levelled off
- a evolved b varied c converted d revised
- a plateaued b tumbled c mounted d soared
- a flatline b overtake c surpass d escalate
- a dwindle b outstrip c mushroom d rocket
- a fluctuate b level off c crash d lag behind