

Overview

Watch the video podcast. Which opinions do you most agree with?

1 Watch the video podcast from 0:10-0:23 and complete Val's introduction.

Today I'm talking to people about what's happening in the world and
1 _____ that 2 _____ them. What do you think are the biggest
3 _____ facing the world today?



2 What are the biggest challenges facing the world today? Look at the people and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 0:23-1:42 and match the responses to the speakers. There is more than one answer for some of the people.



- 1 the environment
- 2 poverty
- 3 lack of fossil fuels
- 4 terrorism
- 5 greed
- 6 food

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- 7 corruption
- 8 the economy
- 9 energy
- 10 environmental pollution
- 11 global warming
- 12 our environmental impact

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Glossary: *our environmental impact* = the effect of human actions on the environment; *greed* = wanting more food, money, power, etc. than you need; *fossil fuels* = sources of energy such as coal and oil

3 Look at the people and read the statements. Then watch the video podcast from 0:23-1:42 again. Write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.



Joe

1 Joe thinks all major challenges, such as poverty and global warming, are at some level caused by the drive to make a profit.

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Rosie

2 Rosie thinks the big social issue that needs addressing at the moment is our environmental impact.
3 She says that this issue is high on the agenda with politicians, and globally.

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Dawn

4 Dawn thinks that most people are satisfied with what they have now.
5 The big problem is that the 'have-nots' in society have less than before because of greed and corruption.

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Malcolm

6 The nations of the world need to discover new sources of energy to replace fossil fuels.
7 There'll be no more oil and coal within fifteen years.

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Glossary: *high on the agenda* = a very important issue; *'the haves'/'the have-nots' (inf)* = people who have/don't have enough to live well; *run out* = finish

4 If you could do one thing to change the world, what would it be? Watch the video podcast from 1:43-3:13 and number the answers in the order you hear them, 1-8.

solve the problem of global poverty ☒ 1 wind farms ☐ change places with other people ☐
 stop all the wars ☐ save natural resources ☐ help the poor ☐
 talk to each other ☐ more women Prime Ministers ☐

5 Look at the people in the pictures and read their answers. Then watch the video podcast from 1:43-2:37 and underline the words you hear.



Michael

Probably ¹ rectify / stop global poverty.



Bridget

Stop all the wars. Make everybody live in ² piece / peace, in harmony.



Joe

If people chat more, then I'll be able to understand their viewpoint; ³ thankfully / hopefully they'll understand my viewpoint; hopefully less ⁴ war / conflict, whether it's over poverty, whether it's over global warming, whether it's over any other physical conflict as well. So, people need to ⁵ talk / chat more.



Rosie

I would like to see more women in ⁶ politics / power. I'd like to see more women Prime Ministers because, for some reason, I think that they would have a more ⁷ warming / nurturing response to things and perhaps have better ways of dealing with all ⁸ sorts / kinds of world issues such as war.



Malcolm

Wind farms. We've got lots of wind in this country and in places like Denmark, so we could use that as a possible ⁹ sauce / source of fuel.

Glossary: *rectify* = put right; *viewpoint* = point of view; *nurturing* = caring/helping