

Match the sentences to the social issues.

<p>1. The volunteers have started a campaign against the testing of cosmetics on dogs. _____</p> <p>2. He has devoted his life to helping abused youngsters. _____</p> <p>3. It's been estimated that a sixth of the world's population lacks running water. _____</p> <p>4. The government needs to raise awareness of the damage being done to the natural world. _____</p> <p>5. A bomb was detected at the embassy but was detonated without causing any injuries. _____</p>	<p><i>Terrorism</i></p> <p><i>Environmental protection</i></p> <p><i>Poverty</i></p> <p><i>Animal rights</i></p> <p><i>Children's rights</i></p>
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International organisations

Choose the correct word to complete the names. What do these organisations work on?

EU	- European Unity/Union/United
NATO	- North Atlanta/Atlas/Atlantic Treaty Organisation
IOC	- International Olympic Committee/Council/Cooperation
WHO	- World Habitat/Health/Humane Organisation
WWF	- World Wildlife Fund/Finance/Fortune
IMF	- International Money/Monetary/Market Fund

Look at the following definitions and complete the issues they refer to. The first letter of each word is given.

<p>1. a lack of jobs: u _____</p> <p>2. using scientific techniques to create edible plants: g _____ m _____ f _____</p> <p>3. using scientific techniques to create humans or animals: c _____</p> <p>4. a worldwide economic problem: g _____ f _____ c _____</p>	<p>5. being extremely overweight: o _____</p> <p>6. the increase of trade around the world: g _____</p> <p>7. a lack of oil: e _____ c _____</p> <p>8. the way the world's weather is changing: c _____ c _____</p>
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Mark three words which refer to more serious problems

difficulty	trouble	hurdle	obstacle
predicament	*disaster	issue	
*challenge	*controversy	setback	
*catastrophe	dilemma	crisis	

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Trouble is usually an uncountable noun and so must be used in the singular form only: *I've had a lot of trouble with the second-hand car I bought.* (NOT *troubles*)

The word *troubles* is only used in very special circumstances to refer to all of the problems a person or country has: *Telling someone else your troubles can really help.*

However, it is better to avoid using it in this way unless you are completely sure. *Trouble* can also be used to mean *difficulty* in the phrase *have trouble + -ing*: *I had a lot of trouble starting the car this morning.*

Put the verbs into the correct column.

<i>exacerbate</i>	<i>alleviate</i>	<i>hinder</i>	<i>mitigate</i>	<i>rectify</i>
<i>compound</i>	<i>complicate</i>	<i>improve</i>	<i>aggravate</i>	
positive		negative		
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