1 Complete the words for social problems with the missing vowels (*a, e, i, o, u*).

1 p_v_rty
2 h_m_l_ssn_ss
3 cr_m_
4 h_ng_r
5 p_ll_t_n
6 v_l_nc_
7 _n_mpl_ym_nt

2 Match the words from 1 with these definitions (1–7).

1 a lack of food that can cause illness or death .....
2 not having money to pay for basic needs .....
3 using physical force to hurt people or things .....
4 having no job or paid work .....
5 having no home, nowhere to live .....
6 illegal activities .....
7 actions that damage air, land or water .....

3 Match the photos and headlines with a problem from 2.



Bad water causes many deaths



Job centre has most difficult month of the year



Permission for new homes in Wales?



African governments report bad food problems

4 LISTENING 33 Listen to some students talk about problems in the news. Complete the sentences with words from 1.

1 Speaker 1's story is about .....
2 Speaker 2's story is about .....
3 Speaker 3's story is about .....
4 Speaker 4's story is about .....

5 33 Listen again. Are these sentences True (T), False (F) or is the information Not Mentioned (NM)?

1 Speaker 1 says that everyone thinks the deaths were an accident. T/F/NM
2 Rent in the UK is increasing. T/F/NM
3 One answer to homelessness is to build houses outside the towns. T/F/NM
4 The number of unemployed is worse than last month. T/F/NM
5 A lot of unemployed people are skilled and educated. T/F/NM
6 There was a lot of rain in the rainy season in Africa. T/F/NM
7 Speaker 4 thinks richer countries do enough to help poorer countries. T/F/NM

6 Complete the sentences with the adjective form of the nouns in 1.

1 The police caught the man who did the ..... damage to the school.
2 Many ..... people have to sleep on the street.
3 The air in cities is often very ..... because of all the cars.
4 The government must create jobs to help ..... people.
5 I don't like watching ..... films.
6 We have to help ..... families who don't have enough money to live.
7 When I feel ....., I can find food in the fridge.

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