

SOCIAL PROBLEMS IN MY TOWN

1. **VOCABULARY** - Look at the following social problems and match them with their meanings in **spanish** :

1. Homelessness
2. poverty
3. drug abuse
4. gangs
5. violence
6. domestic abuse
7. teenage pregnancy
8. underage drinking
9. bullying
10. unemployment

desempleo
pandillas
ingesta de alcohol menores
violencia
matoneo
embarazo en adolescentes
violencia domestica
abuso de drogas
pobreza
falta de vivienda

2. Write the social problem for each quote below using the vocabulary in exercise 1.

a

My daughter is only 17, so the baby is going to live with us. We don't have much space in our apartment.

d

I started drinking when I was 14. All my friends did it too, and I wanted to be the same as them.

b

Lots of people sleep under the bridge by the canal at night. It's warm there and they feel safer than on the streets.

e

A group of men attacked my friend after he left a party. He was in hospital for three days.

c

My dad lost his job in a factory three months ago. He's looking for a new one - he wants to be a taxi driver.

f

A group of girls at school are always mean to me. They tell people things about me that aren't true.

3. Which are the worst problems in your town – follow the example.

Example: I think the worst problem in my town is unemployment

- a. _____
- b. _____

4. **LISTEN** – look at the problems in exercise 1 again. Then listen to an interview. Which problems does Claudia's organization help?

5. Listen again and choose the correct answers:

- a. What does Claudia's organisation do?
 - 1. It gives people somewhere to sleep.
 - 2. It gives people money.
 - 3. It solves people's problems.
- b. What does Claudia say is the most important thing that people need to start an organisation?
 - 1. money
 - 2. passion
 - 3. a website
- c. What does Claudia say about money?
 - 1. It's not important.
 - 2. You need money to start a business.
 - 3. Your website can help you.

6. **LANGUAGE** - Giving advice and suggestions (should – could). Listen to the last part of the interview and match :

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| a. You should | 1. create a webpage? |
| b. Why don't you | 2. try contacting local businesses. |
| c. You could | 3. look for sponsors |

7. Look at the pictures . think of a problem connected to each situation. Then give advice and suggestions about the situation.

a. playing a sport :

Example: You want to be in the school basketball team, but the coach never selects you for the team.
You should train with your friends after school every day.
Why don't you try a different sport?



a. playing sport



b. working in a team



c. going camping



d. eating well