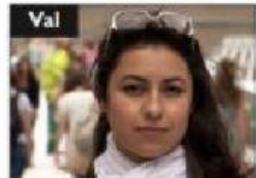## Overview
Watch the video podcast. Which opinions do you most agree with?

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?
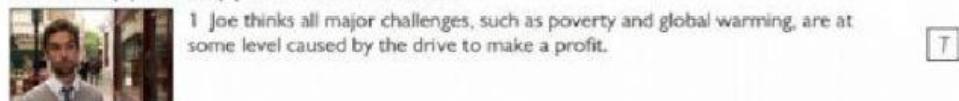
Val

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.
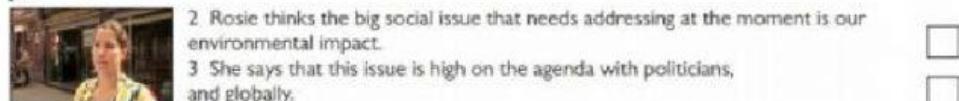
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
Michael	Bridget	Joe	Rosie	Eddie	Hannah	Dawn	Malcolm

1 the environment ☐   7 corruption ☐
2 poverty ☐   8 the economy [A]
3 lack of fossil fuels ☐   9 energy ☐
4 terrorism ☐   10 environmental pollution ☐
5 greed ☐   11 global warming ☐
6 food ☐   12 our environmental impact ☐

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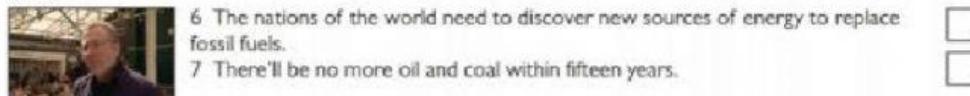
3 Look at the people and read the statements. Then watch the video podcast from 0:23–1:42 again. Write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.

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. [T]

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. ☐

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. ☐

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. ☐

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