Social policy

Social issues

Match the sentences to the social issues.

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

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.

1. a lack of jobs: u_____ _____ *2. using scientific techniques to create edible plants:* *g_____ m_____ f_____* *3. using scientific techniques to create humans or animals: c_____* *4. a worldwide economic problem:* *g_____ f_____ c_____*	*5. being extremely overweight: o _____* *6. the increase of trade around the world:* *g_____* *7. a lack of oil: e_____ c_____* *8. the way the world's weather is changing:* *c_____ c_____*

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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**

Error warning

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.

exacerbate *alleviate* *hinder* *mitigate* *rectify*

compound *complicate* *improve* *aggravate*

positive	***negative***
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