

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 _____

5. being extremely overweight: o _____

2. using scientific techniques to create edible plants:

6. the increase of trade around the world:

g _____ m _____ f _____

g _____

3. using scientific techniques to create humans or animals: c _____

7. a lack of oil: e _____ c _____

4. a worldwide economic problem:

8. the way the world's weather is changing:

g _____ f _____ c _____

c _____ c _____

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		