

WORLD PROBLEMS

LISTEN FOR MAIN IDEAS

Listen. Write the name of the problem discussed in each conversation.

Conversation 1 Conversation 2 Conversation 3

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Listen again. Choose T (True), F (False) or ND (Not discussed)..

1	a She says there aren't a lot of newspaper articles about crime.	T	F	ND
	b He thinks there's nothing anyone can do about crime.	T	F	ND
2	a She thinks breathing the air on planes can be dangerous.	T	F	ND
	b He thinks international travel will spread the disease all over the world.	T	F	ND
3	a He worries about terrorism in crowded places.	T	F	ND
	b She thinks terrorism is caused by poverty.	T	F	ND

UNDERSTANDING MEANING FROM CONTEXT

Read each quotation. Then, listen again and complete each statement .

Conversation 1

- When the woman says, "Crime is just out of control," she means
a there's a huge amount of crime b we have to control crime
- When the man says, "What is the world coming to?" he is asking,
a "Where in the world can we go to avoid crime?" b "What is the future of the world?"
- When he says, "Better safe than sorry," he is saying
a don't tempt criminals by wearing jewelry b just stay home where it's safe

Conversation 2

- When the man says, "I think I'm getting a little obsessed," he means,
a "I'm thinking about this way too much." b "I'm afraid I'm getting sick."
- When she says, "Well, I don't think that's crazy," she means
a he's right to be worried b the disease is extremely bad
- When the woman says, "It's even more contagious," she worries
a it could cause an epidemic b it won't last for long



Conversation 3

7 When the man says, "I don't know about you, but I'm getting a little freaked out about terrorism," he's really saying,

a "Are you as scared as I am about terrorism?"

b "I don't know how to stop terrorism. Do you?"

8 When the woman says, "Well, that's no way to live," she means,

a "You are going to die."

b "It's impossible to live normally with that outlook."

9 When she says, "It is what it is," she means,

a "What is it?"

b "There's nothing anyone can do about it."

10 When the man says, "I guess I'm going a little overboard," he means,

a "I'm making this too important."

b "I'm not interested in this issue."



Name: _____

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WRITING TASK

Listen to the recording about world problems. Complete the listening tasks and then answer the following questions. Explain **EACH** answer with at least **80 words**.

1. What does the man think we can do about crime? Do you agree or disagree?
Why?

