

Check and reflect

1 a Complete the sentences with the best word. The first letter is given.

- 1 We used to have a strong c_____. Everyone supported each other, but it's all changed.
- 2 There's a lot of crime and v_____. I don't feel safe on the streets.
- 3 All the pressure on young people c_____ anxiety and depression.
- 4 Sadly, high unemployment is just a f_____ of life here.
- 5 Women still face real d_____ at work. Most top jobs still go to men.
- 6 A lot of people around the world have basically lost f_____ in their governments.

b Work in groups. Choose four sentences from Exercise 1a. Discuss the possible cause of each situation and what can be done to improve things.

2 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 This weather's awful. I wish it _____ raining! (stop)
- 2 I wish I _____ you, but I'm much too busy at the moment, I'm afraid. (help)
- 3 I wish I _____ a bit more support from my boss and the people at work. (get)
- 4 I wish I _____ a bit more free time. I feel like I'm working all the time. (have)
- 5 I really wish you _____ that! It's really annoying. (not / do)
- 6 I wish I _____ in time to when I was 12 or 13. I'd certainly do things differently. (go back)

4 Find the four sentences with a mistake and correct them.

- 1 How would we pay for everything if access to healthcare was free?
- 2 If I would have a bigger place, you could stay with me.
- 3 If you worked harder, you'll earn more money.
- 4 I might feel differently if I wasn't working right now.
- 5 If they'd build more roads, it'd make life better.
- 6 Things improved if more companies were state run.

5 a Complete the sentences with *must*, *might* or *can't* and the correct form of the verbs in brackets.

- 1 They don't know exactly why Devon Loch fell, but he _____ a loud noise that scared him (hear).
- 2 You _____ hard to do that marathon. I know I could never do it! (train)
- 3 She _____ my message. She'd be here otherwise. (get)
- 4 You went to the final? Wow! That _____ exciting. (be)
- 5 She didn't play well. I guess she _____ an injury or something. (have)
- 6 He started young. He _____ more than 16 when he played his first game. (be)

b Think of two surprising or unusual things you have seen. Work in pairs. Take turns explaining what you saw and speculate about what happened. Use *must've*, *might've* and *can't have*.

6 Match verbs 1–6 with endings a–f.

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| 1 train | a a penalty |
| 2 come | b your country |
| 3 become | c for years |
| 4 break | d second |
| 5 represent | e the world record |
| 6 miss | f a black belt |