

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. _____	
	<i>Terrorism</i> <i>Environmental protection</i> <i>Poverty</i> <i>Animal rights</i> <i>Children's rights</i>

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: g _____ m _____ f _____	6. the increase of trade around the world: g _____
3. using scientific techniques to create humans or animals: c _____	7. a lack of oil: e _____ c _____
4. a worldwide economic problem: g _____ f _____ c _____	8. the way the world's weather is changing: c _____ c _____

Mark three words which refer to more serious problems

difficulty trouble hurdle obstacle

predicament *disaster issue

***challenge *controversy setback**

*catastrophe dilemma crisis

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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.

<i>exacerbate</i>	<i>alleviate</i>	<i>hinder</i>	<i>mitigate</i>	<i>rectify</i>
<i>compound</i>	<i>complicate</i>	<i>improve</i>	<i>aggravate</i>	
positive		negative		