

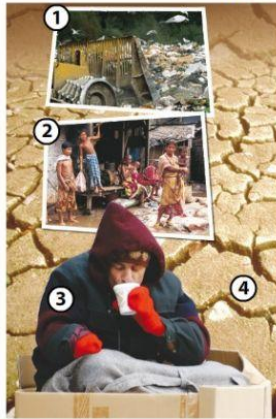
1.2 Global problems

Helping Hands

Reading

- 2 a) Read the information boxes in the article.

What are they about?



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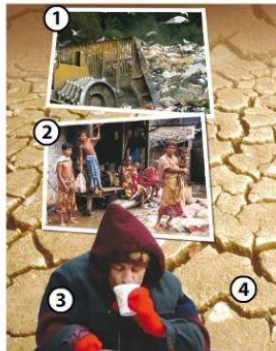


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- 2 a) Listen and read to find out.



Lucy helps out at one of the hundreds of homeless shelters in New York, preparing and serving hot meals for people who live in the shelter. 'If we didn't have these shelters, thousands of poor people would have to sleep in the streets,' she says.

Lucy knows that the situation is much better in New York than in most of the rest of the world. The city provides shelter for nearly 40,000 people, and gives financial help to provide housing for 10,000 families. 'If the authorities in other cities did the same as New York, they wouldn't have so many homeless people,' Lucy says. 'If they wanted, they could easily provide cheap housing, or organize homeless shelters like we do here.'

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Bill works with a charity organization in Karachi, Pakistan, which helps people from the poorest part of the city. Bill helps build schools for children who don't have any other chance of an education.

The street children work really long hours – or beg, or even steal – just to stay alive. 'If I didn't do something to help these kids, I'd feel really bad about myself,' Bill says. 'If you saw them, you'd want to help them, too.' He agrees that there is no easy solution to the problem, but he knows that a street kid with no education has no way out. If these children had a proper education, he believes, they might have a chance of a better life.



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Check these words

Reading

- 2 b) Read the text and mark the sentences T (true), F (false), or DS (doesn't say).

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| 1 Lucy helps people who are moving. | T | F | DS |
| 2 More than one billion people don't have any housing at all. | T | F | DS |
| 3 Governments are building more houses these days. | T | F | DS |
| 4 Bill is helping to construct schools for poor children. | T | F | DS |
| 5 All children in Karachi receive a proper education. | T | F | DS |