



1 An online magazine has asked students to participate in a survey. Read about the issues in the survey. Pay attention to the words in colour. Which issues do you think are the most important?

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We want to know your opinion. Rate the issues below from 1-5.

1 = I am not interested in **taking action**. 5 = We should all **support this cause**.

1 Refugees: Every two seconds, someone is forced to leave his or her home. Some refugees are able to make new lives, but others never achieve this. 1 2 3 4 5

2 Poverty and homelessness: There are more than 780 million poor people in the world. Many people live in **slums** or live without shelter or clean water. In addition, they don't have access to education or **health care**. 1 2 3 4 5

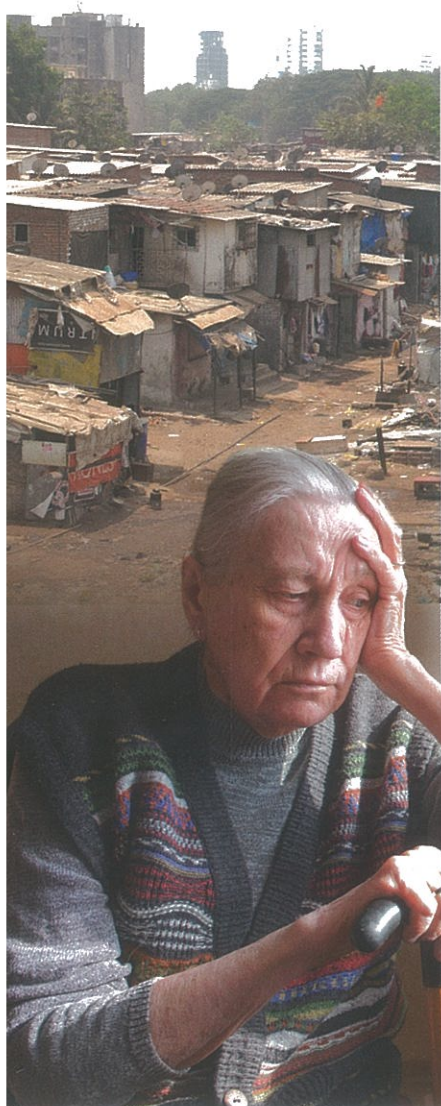
3 Prejudice and inequality: Women around the world are still fighting to **overcome** discrimination at home, at school and at work. 1 2 3 4 5

4 Juvenile delinquency: Many cities around the world have got problems with **gangs**. Because of this, **curfews** for teenagers are common. 1 2 3 4 5

5 Corruption: Around the world, the desire for power and **wealth** has led to many corrupt politicians and governments. 1 2 3 4 5

YOUR OUTLOOK
CRITICAL THINKING

Which issues from the survey are the most problematic in your region?



2 Read the sentences. Replace the words in bold with the words in colour below.

go on strike | low wages | demonstrations
welfare programmes | unemployment

- 1 People organised **protests** in the city centre.
- 2 Poor people depend on **money and housing from the government**.
- 3 Workers are threatening to **stop coming to work** because of the terrible conditions.
- 4 We are paid **insufficient money for our work**.
- 5 **No available jobs** may lead to an increase in crime.


3 Which word or expression in bold describes each situation below? Are any of the sentences true about your own country?

unemployment | **low wages** | **inequality** | **curfew**
slums | **juvenile delinquency**


- 1 Women are often paid less than men for doing the same jobs.
- 2 Many people are unable to find jobs.
- 3 Young people often become involved in illegal activities.
- 4 Working as a waiter usually doesn't pay a lot.
- 5 There are very poor neighbourhoods with few facilities.
- 6 The law requires people to be indoors by 11.00 pm.

4 Choose the word or expression that doesn't belong.


- 1 refugee | homelessness | wealth
- 2 health care | prejudice | welfare programme
- 3 gangs | corruption | demonstrations
- 4 take action | overcome | go on strike

 **5** What other words do you know connected to social issues?

LISTENING A Panel Discussion

 **6** Some students took part in a panel discussion about current issues. Listen to the first part of the discussion and complete the sentences.

- 1 Harry is stressed about ...
- 2 He doesn't join demonstrations because he doesn't ...
- 3 Harry thinks that only girls worry about ...
- 4 Susan thinks mental health can be affected by looking at ...

 **7** Listen to the second part of the discussion and tick (✓) the issue(s) that each of the participants are concerned about.

	Inequality	Environment	Unemployment
Oliver			
Mike			
Louise			

SPEAKING Expressing Opinions

8 Read the statements below. Do you agree or disagree with them? Discuss with your partner.

- Teenagers should go on strike for the environment.
- Students shouldn't be allowed to leave school until the age of 18.
- The legal drinking age should be 21.
- People with a university education have got a better chance of finding work.

I think that students should take action on the environment.

If you ask me, going on strike doesn't solve anything.

USEFUL LANGUAGE

I think that ...

It's true / not true that ...

If you ask me, ...

I agree / disagree with the statement that ...

