

# Weekly English Practice



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English Coaching Projects

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## 11 FACTS ABOUT GLOBAL POVERTY

*Global poverty is getting worse in the 21st century. According to statistics the gap between rich and poor has never been wider in human history. Here are 11 facts on the subject.*

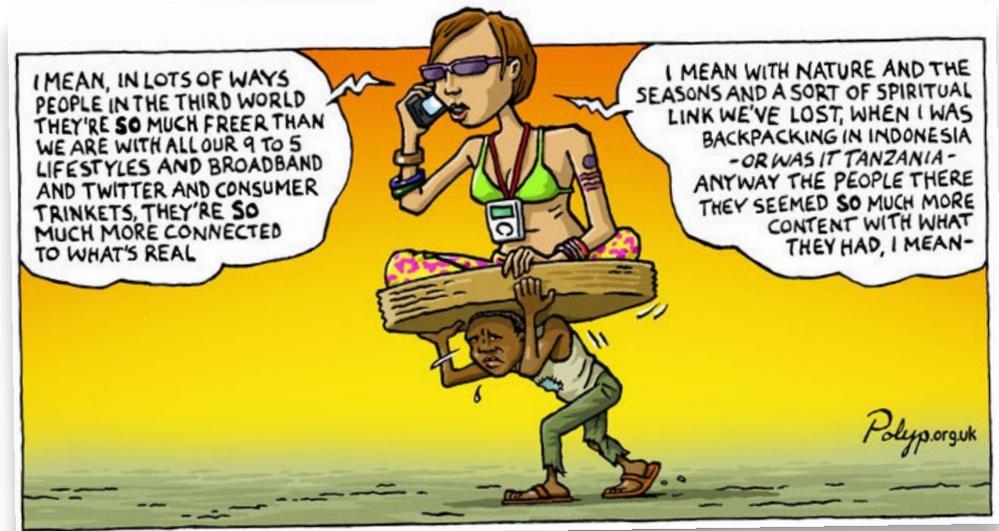
- 1) Nearly 1/2 of the world's population – more than 3 billion people – live on less than \$2.50 a day. More than 1.3 billion live in extreme poverty – less than \$1.25 a day.
- 2) 1 billion children worldwide are living in poverty. According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty.
- 3) 805 million people worldwide do not have enough food to eat.
- 4) More than 750 million people lack adequate access to clean drinking water. Diarrhoea caused by inadequate drinking water, sanitation, and hand hygiene kills an estimated 842,000 people every year globally, or approximately 2,300 people per day.
- 5) In 2011, 165 million children under the age 5 were stunted (reduced rate of growth and development) due to chronic malnutrition.
- 6) Preventable diseases like diarrhea and pneumonia take the lives of 2 million children a year who are too poor to afford proper treatment.

- 7) As of 2013, 21.8 million children under 1 year of age worldwide had not received the three recommended doses of vaccine against diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis.
- 8) 1/4 of all humans live without electricity – approximately 1.6 billion people.
- 9) 80% of the world population lives on less than \$10 a day.
- 10) Oxfam estimates that it would take \$60 billion annually to end extreme global poverty--that's less than 1/4 the income of the top 100 richest billionaires.
- 11) The World Food Programme says, "The poor are hungry and their hunger traps them in poverty." Hunger is the number one cause of death in the world, killing more than HIV/AIDS, malaria, and tuberculosis combined.

From the website: <https://www.dosomething.org/facts/11-facts-about-global-poverty>

**Hasmik** is a 29 year old woman from Yeghegis village, Armenia.

*Any food is OK for me. I like khash (cow's feet stew), dolmas (stuffed vine leaves) and barbecued meat. I've only had those things once though – at a party in my childhood, when my brother came back from the army .... there's lots I'd like to cook but I don't have the ingredients. I just think about how to feed my children. I wish I could wake up not worrying about how to find food to cook for them. Only one of my children has ever eaten a banana.*



**Rosemary** is a 60 year old woman from Mkwezalamba village in Malawi

*When I was young the wild mushrooms used to grow everywhere, great big ones. We would wash them and cook them with salt and pounded groundnuts to make a dish called bowa wotendera. But now we can't make that because we don't find those mushrooms anymore.*

*My husband catches field mice and we boil them with water and salt. You need about 5 for each person to make a good meal.*

*I once visited another area where they cook the mice and add groundnut flour to the recipe. That doesn't make sense, I don't know why they would do that.*

From the website: <http://www.oxfam.ca/grow/learn/first-person-stories>

## “ Something to chat about ”

- Have you ever visited an area of a country that suffers from extreme poverty?
- Do you ever give money to charities or organisations that help poor areas?
- Have you, or anyone in your family, ever suffered from hunger? Is there poverty in your town?
- What can we do to reduce poverty and hunger?



# “iLook, iThink, iSpeak” Express yourself better!

## What’s your opinion on poverty?

Poverty is a controversial topic. Many people have indicated causes and proposed remedies.

Match the people to the quotes  
Who do you agree with?

- In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of.
- Capital punishment is as fundamentally wrong as a cure for crime as charity is wrong as a cure for poverty.*
- Poverty is the mother of crime.
- Poverty is the worst form of violence.
- Poverty is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit.*
- Imagine no possessions  
I wonder if you can  
No need for greed or hunger  
A brotherhood of man  
Imagine all the people  
Sharing all the world
- The real tragedy of the poor is the poverty of their aspirations.
- The poor you will always have with you, and you can help them any time you want. But you will not always have me.*
- There is much to be said for trying to improve some disadvantaged people’s lot. There is nothing to be said for trying to create heaven on earth.
- Do we have the will to make poverty history?

Henry Ford - Marcus Aurelius - Bono  
Adam Smith - Mahatma Gandhi - John Lennon - Jesus - Eli Khamarov - Confucius  
Margaret Thatcher

Wyclef Jean sang: ‘If I were President...’

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What would you do if you were President of the world?

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- Coops: Past, Present & the Future**  
Fernando Blanco - Managing Director of Goros Estructuras Metálicas  
**The End of Language Learning** - Rob Hextall  
**Ban the Boss!!** - John Hird  
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**And more!!**

1. Confucius 2. Henry Ford 3. Marcus Aurelius 4. Mahatma Gandhi 5. Eli Khamarov 6. John Lennon 7. Adam Smith 8. Jesus 9. Margaret Thatcher 10. Bono