

Getting Ready

How important are these issues to you? Mark (x) your answers and compare them with a partner.

Very important

Somewhat important

Not important

air pollution
water pollution
crime
global warming
overpopulation
poverty
unemployment
other:

Listening 1

People are talking about issues. Which issue do they think is most important right now? Listen and underline the correct answer.

<https://english-practice.net/practice-listening-english-exercises-for-b1-global-issues/>

- 1 a water pollution
 b air pollution
- 2 a unemployment
 b crime
- 3 a public transportation
 b housing
- 4 a government
 b unemployment
- 5 a public transportation
 b unemployment
- 6 a education
 b health

Listening 2

Task 1

What issues are these people talking about? Listen and underline the correct answer.

- 1 a air pollution
 b water pollution
 c overpopulation
- 2 a global warming
 b water pollution
 c unemployment
- 3 a poverty
 b overpopulation
 c war
- 4 a crime
 b traffic
 c air pollution
- 5 a air pollution
 b garbage
 c unemployment
- 6 a housing
 b poverty
 c crime

Task 2

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Mark (x) the correct answer.

TRUE

FALSE

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- 1 He wants to be the mayor of his city.
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2 She's going to move to Chicago.

3 He reads a lot of sports magazines.

4 She bought a new car.

5 She buys less packaged food, like frozen dinners.

6 He moved to a small apartment downtown.

Listening 3

Task 1

Listen to a talk on very large cities, or "megacities." Why do people move from the country to megacities? Listen and mark (x) the reasons you hear.

REASON

NOT A REASON

1 They want to find work.

2 They want to be farmers.

3 They think salaries will be higher.

4 They think the work will be easier.

5 They think the people will be friendly.

6 They think city life will be glamorous.

7 They want to be on television.

8 They want better health care.

Task 2

Listen again. Are these statements true or false? Mark (x) the correct answer.

	TRUE	FALSE
1 Jobs are often difficult to find in megacities.		
2 Salaries in megacities are very low.		
3 Many people end up in huge, expensive house.		
4 Health care is much cheaper in megacities.		
5 Air pollution is a problem in megacities.		
6 The problems in megacities are becoming easier.		

Conversation Corner: Talking about problems

Task 1

Listen to the conversation. Write the missing words.

A: There are in the world today.

B: I know. There's water pollution, air pollution, global warming, unemployment.

A: Yeah, and there's the destruction of the rain,, housing shortages... It can get depressing if you think about it too much.

B: No kidding. What do you think the biggest issues are?

A: I really think air pollution is the most important issue. If we don't and improve air quality, we'll all have health problems.

B: I agree that air pollution is a The air in the city has become so dirty.