

Collocations: Global Challenges

Upper-Intermediate (B2-C1)



WARM-UP DISCUSSION

Part 1. Read the following quote and discuss the questions.

“We don’t inherit the Earth from our ancestors; we borrow it from our children.” — Native American Proverb

Discuss:

- What global issues affect you the most — climate change, poverty, inequality, or pollution?
- Which challenge do you think is most urgent right now?
- Can one person really make a difference? How?

Part 2. Choose your answers and explain why.

- 🌳 Plant a tree or 💧 Clean up a beach?
- 💰 Donate money or ⌚ Volunteer your time?
- 📱 Share a post online or 🧑 Join a local campaign?
- 🧠 Focus on education or 🌱 Focus on the environment?
- 🏠 Make changes at home or 🌐 Support global cooperation?

Discuss:

- Do you think personal or collective action has a bigger impact?
- Which one feels easier to do in your daily life?

VOCABULARY

Part 1. Match each collocation to its meaning.

Tackle inequality	Address climate change	Combat poverty	Reduce emissions
Promote cooperation	Sustainable development	Raise awareness	Find global solutions

1. _____ take action to slow or prevent global warming
2. _____ fight against a lack of food, jobs, and housing
3. _____ deal with unfair differences between people
4. _____ work together internationally to solve world problems
5. _____ help more people know and care about an issue
6. _____ long-term progress that protects the planet
7. _____ lower the amount of harmful gases released into the air
8. _____ encourage people or groups to work together

Part 2. Discuss the question below.

Which of these actions can ordinary people help with?



Part 3. Rewrite the following sentences using the target collocations so that the meaning stays the same.

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1. Scientists and leaders are meeting to solve world health problems.
→ Scientists and leaders are working to _____.
2. Many companies are introducing eco-friendly policies for long-term progress.
→ Many companies are committed to _____.
3. They started a project to fight unfairness in schools.
→ They started a project to _____.
4. Local companies are trying to deal with global warming.
→ Local companies are trying to _____.
5. Governments are trying to lower air pollution.
→ Governments are taking action to _____.
6. Influencers are helping people care more about ocean pollution.
→ Influencers are using social media to _____.
7. NGOs are fighting against hunger and homelessness.
→ NGOs are working to _____.
8. The organisation wants to encourage countries to work together on clean energy.
→ The organisation aims to _____.



SPEAKING

Part 1. Decide who should take the main action — individuals, governments, companies, or international organisations. Explain your choice.

Issue	Who should act?	Why?
Climate change		
Poverty		
Inequality		
Pollution		
Education		

Example: “I think companies should act on climate change because they produce most of the emissions.”

Part 2. Using the global challenges below, create three sentences using at least three collocations from today’s lesson to describe realistic solutions.

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- Climate change
- Poverty
- Inequality
- Pollution
- Education

Part 3. Invent a short news headline using one of today’s collocations.

“World leaders unite to **tackle inequality** in education.”

“Young people **raise awareness** through climate action campaigns.”

Share your headline and explain why it’s inspiring or important.

REFLECTION

Discuss the following questions.

1. What global challenge affects your community most?
2. What's one small action you could take this month to make a difference?
3. Which collocation from today will you try to use in conversation?

WRAP-UP TASK (OPTIONAL HOMEWORK)

Write 6–8 sentences about:

“A global challenge I care about — and one action I can take locally.”

Use at least five collocations from today's lesson.

