

11.1 Making the world a better place

Vocabulary global issues

1 Match words 1-9 to definitions a-i.

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| 1 advance | a the state of somebody's body or mind |
| 2 environment | b putting scientific discoveries into practice |
| 3 farming | c the study of natural laws and the physical world |
| 4 health | d the state of being healthy and happy |
| 5 population | e something new in a particular field |
| 6 science | f the natural world around us |
| 7 technology | g the number of people that live in a place |
| 8 unemployment | h the number of people who cannot find a job |
| 9 well-being | i growing food and looking after animals |

2 Choose the correct option to complete the sentences.

- 1 Minis are made in a *shop* / *factory* in Oxford.
- 2 The new shopping centre will *create* / *spread* new jobs in the area.
- 3 The weather is changing because of *world* / *global* warming.
- 4 You can read about the facts and *numbers* / *figures* in the latest report.
- 5 Do you agree that money brings *happiness* / *happy*?
- 6 Scientists are hoping to find a *cure* / *treat* for cancer soon.
- 7 People have less money since the start of the financial *crisis* / *problem*.
- 8 Illnesses like flu *create* / *spread* very quickly.
- 9 World *hunger* / *hungry* affects many countries, especially those in Africa.

3 Complete the article with the words in the box.

environment factories facts financial global health
hunger situation unemployment warming

Cutting down on world pollution

The countries of the world sometimes meet to discuss ¹ *global* issues. Two of the most important meetings were the *Earth Summit* in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 and *Rio +20* in the same city in 2012. At the meetings, world leaders talked about different ways they could protect the ² _____. They looked at all the ³ _____ and figures from industry in different countries and agreed that ⁴ _____ shouldn't produce so much pollution. They hoped that this would slow down global ⁵ _____. They also looked at pollution from cars on the streets, which they say is bad for people's ⁶ _____. At the

meeting, they recommended that cities should have more public transport, and people should stop using their cars. Some people think that governments should do more about the world's problems. They say that there is enough food for everybody, so world ⁷ _____ should not exist. Unfortunately, most people are worried about the economic ⁸ _____ in their own countries today. In many places, companies have closed because of the ⁹ _____ crisis, so many workers have lost their jobs. Today, ¹⁰ _____ is a problem in many countries, and it is a difficult one to solve.



Grammar *if + past tense + would*

- 4a Put the words in the correct order to make sentences and questions.
- a / I / work / would / I / car, / had / If / drive / to
If I had a car, I would drive to work.
 - be / job / wouldn't / I / my / if / I / happy / lost
I _____.
 - time / you / What / in / go / if / do / could / you / back / would
What _____?
 - she / him / his / knew / she'd / number, / If / call
If _____.
 - you / if / choice / you / live / would / Where / the / had
Where _____?
 - exercise / better / did / if / feel / you / 'd / some / You
You _____.

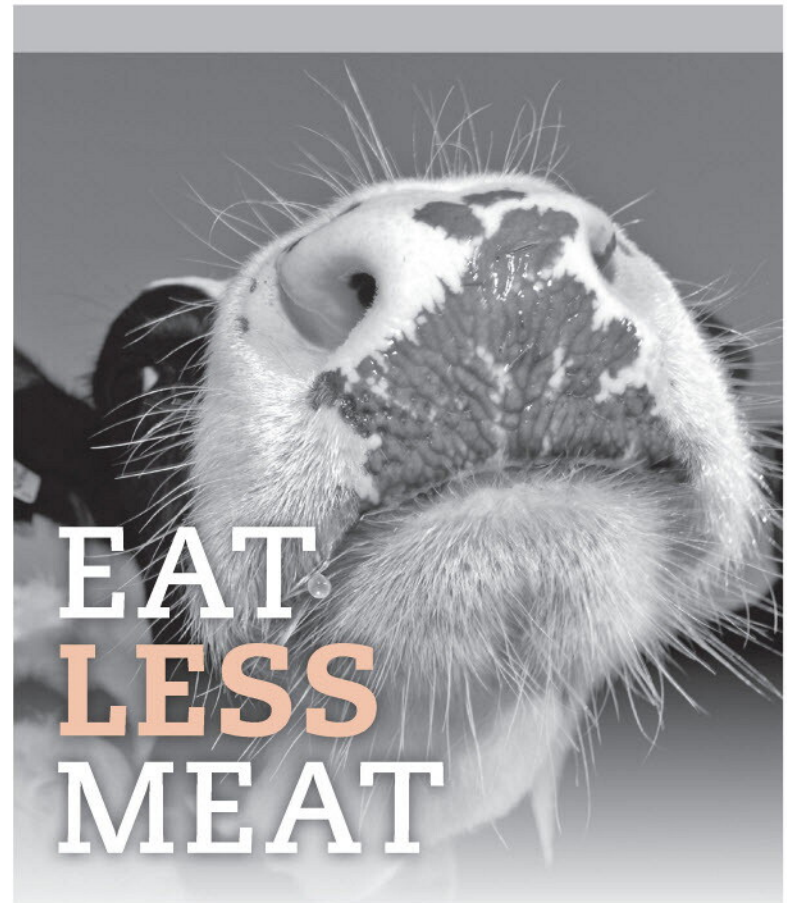
PRONUNCIATION *if + past tense + would sentences*

- b 11.1))) Listen to sentence 1 in exercise 4a. Notice how the stressed words are underlined and the intonation is marked in the sentence.
- If I had a car, I would drive to work.
- c 11.2))) Listen to sentences 2-6 in exercise 4a. Underline the stressed words and mark the intonation in the sentences.
- d 11.2))) Listen again. Pause the CD and repeat after each sentence.

- 5 Complete the sentences with the correct form of the verbs in brackets.
- If you worked less, you would have more free time. (work, have)
 - People _____ the country if unemployment _____ so high. (not leave, not be)
 - Where _____ you _____ on holiday if you _____ a lot of money? (go, have)
 - You _____ tired if you _____ so early. (not be, not get up)
 - We _____ a dog if we _____ in the country. (have, live)
 - If it _____, plants _____. (not rain, not grow)
 - I _____ the weekend more if I _____ on Saturdays. (enjoy, not work)
 - What _____ you _____ if you _____ your country's leader? (say, meet)

- 6 Complete the article with the correct form of the verbs in the box.

be become not eat go happen not need



What ¹ would happen if everybody in the world stopped eating meat? There is no question that humans eat far too much meat, but ² _____ it really _____ better if all of us were vegetarians? Every day, millions of people around the world work with animals on farms. If we all ³ _____ vegetarians, there would be fewer animals to look after. We would keep cows to give us milk and hens to give us eggs, but we ⁴ _____ as many farm workers. Where ⁵ _____ they _____ to find a new job? On the other hand, cows produce 18% of the world's greenhouse gases, so if we ⁶ _____ beef, it would be better for the environment. There are arguments for the world becoming vegetarian and arguments against it. Probably the best solution is to eat less meat, but not to stop eating it altogether.

I can ...

talk about global issues.

talk about unlikely situations in the future.

Very well

Quite well

More practice

