

Hunger affects one in eight people

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A new report from the United Nations says one in eight people around the world does not have enough food. The U.N. reports that 842 million people suffer

from very serious hunger. This is about 12 per cent of the world population. This percentage has gone down. It was 17 per cent in 1992. The U.N. says many countries still cannot find ways to feed their people. Africa is the region with the highest number of undernourished people. The U.N. says that one in five Africans is undernourished. In over 19 African nations, more than a quarter of the population goes hungry. The U.N. said 98 per cent of the world's hungry people live in developing countries.

The World Food Programme (WFP) explained that undernourishment is "not having enough food for an active and healthy life" and an inability to "meet dietary energy requirements". The WFP said hunger is now the largest risk to people's health around the world. It is a more serious problem than AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined. One of the biggest reasons for people being hungry is war. The U.N. said developing countries that have experienced war in the past 20 years have bigger problems feeding their people. Scientists say this situation could get worse because of climate change. Hotter temperatures in more countries will mean farmers cannot grow enough food, leading to more hunger.

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Writing

Hunger is the biggest problem in the world today. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

United Nations / enough food / hunger / undernourished / developing countries / healthy life / energy / risk / war / bigger problems / climate change / farmers

True / False

- A U.N. report says one in eight Americans suffer from hunger. T / F
- 842,000,000 worldwide do not get enough to eat. T / F
- In 1992, 12 per cent of people suffered from hunger around the world. T / F
- Over 25% of people in more than 19 African countries go hungry. T / F
- The World Food Programme (WFP) said people should be more active. T / F
- The WFP said hunger is the biggest danger to people's health. T / F
- War means poorer countries experience bigger problems with hunger. T / F
- Climate change won't really change the number of hungry people. T / F

Synonym Match

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. enough | a. global warming |
| 2. suffer | b. needs |
| 3. feed | c. experience |
| 4. region | d. sufficient |
| 5. developing | e. satisfy |
| 6. meet | f. causing |
| 7. requirements | g. area |
| 8. combined | h. progressing |
| 9. climate change | i. added together |
| 10. leading to | j. give food to |

Discussion – Student A

- What's the hungriest you've ever been?
- Why are people suffering from hunger in the 21st century?
- What do you think of one in eight people being hungry?
- How can we help hungry people?
- Why don't rich countries help poor countries more?
- Do you think the 12% figure will get lower and lower?
- What could you do to help the hungry people in this world?
- What do you do if you see a hungry person in your country?

Phrase Match

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| 1. A new report | a. gone down |
| 2. 842 million people suffer | b. change |
| 3. This percentage has | c. undernourished people |
| 4. the region with the highest number of | d. countries |
| 5. developing | e. from very serious hunger |
| 6. meet dietary | f. get worse |
| 7. the largest risk | g. from the United Nations |
| 8. Scientists say this situation could | h. enough food |
| 9. climate | i. to people's health |
| 10. farmers cannot grow | j. energy requirements |

Discussion – Student B

- Should people eat less and give more to charity?
- Should countries spend more on fighting hunger instead of wars?
- What does your country do to help hungry people?
- Are most people too greedy?
- What big question do you have about world hunger?
- What will climate change mean for hunger around the world?
- Do you think hunger will become a bigger or smaller problem? Why?
- What would you like to ask the WFP?

Spelling

- nouhge food
- suffer from very usesior hunger
- This eaetrncgep has gone down
- the gronei with the highest number
- more than a aqtrure of the population
- hungry people live in nglvdoeepi countries
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- meet dietary energy tenirrqsmuee
- AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis ombednci
- this stuontaii could get worse
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Answers – Synonym Match

1. d	2. c	3. j	4. g	5. h
6. e	7. b	8. i	9. a	10. f

Role Play

Role A – Education

You think education is the best way to help hungry people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): helping poor farmers, genetically-modified food or giving to charity.

Role B – Helping poor farmers

You think helping poor farmers is the best way to help hungry people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): education, genetically-modified food or giving to charity.

Role C – Genetically-modified food

You think genetically-modified food is the best way to help hungry people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): helping poor farmers, education or giving to charity.

Role D – Giving to charity

You think giving to charity is the best way to help hungry people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): helping poor farmers, genetically-modified food or education.

Speaking - Answers

Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best ways to help end hunger at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • give people money | • GM food |
| • free school meals | • give food after disasters |
| • help babies first | • end wars |
| • help poor farmers | • educate poor people |

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	F	d	T	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.