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Sustainable Development Goals not on track, says UN

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

The United Nations has warned that the world is not on track to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The goals were implemented in 2015 to improve people's lives and protect the planet. They include eliminating poverty, improving education, reducing gender inequality, and tackling climate change. However, the UN has reported that only about one third of the goals are currently on track to be met. Around half are progressing too slowly. Wars, climate change, slow economic growth, rising debt, financing gaps, and other global shocks are making progress difficult. The UN has called on countries to increase their efforts in the run-up to 2030.

The UN did report signs of progress. It noted that one billion more people now have access to drinking water. Internet connectivity has also increased, from around 40 per cent of the world's population in 2015 to about 74 per cent today. Despite these improvements, many serious challenges remain. In particular, there is a considerable lack of progress on gender equality. A UN spokesperson said: "At the current rate of progress, gender equality would take 171 years to achieve." Another official said governments needed to invest more money in infrastructure and institutions. The official also wanted countries to cooperate more. The UN said the goals could still be achieved, but much faster action was needed.

Sources: <https://unstats.un.org/sdgs/report/2026/The-Sustainable-Development-Goals-Report-2026.pdf>
<https://www.npr.org/2026/09/18/g-s1-143738/united-nations-sustainable-development-goals-hunger-climate-gender>
<https://earth.org/none-of-17-un-sdgs-on-track-to-be-achieved-by-2030-report-finds-2/>

WARM-UPS

1. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Sustainable Development Goals. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

UN / sustainable / development / goals / SDGs / planet / poverty / debt / shocks / progress / internet connectivity / challenges / gender inequality / infrastructure

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. GENDER EQUALITY: Students A **strongly** believe reducing gender inequality is the most important SDG; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. GOALS: What are your goals regarding these things? How likely are you to achieve them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Share what you wrote and change partners often.

	My Goals	Likelihood of Achievement
English		
Climate change		
Money		
Career		
Hobbies		
Relationships		

5. POVERTY: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "poverty". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SDGs: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- No poverty
- Zero hunger
- Quality education
- Clean energy
- Climate action
- Gender equality
- Sustainable cities
- Good health

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|--|
| 1. on track | a. Differences between people or things, especially when something is missing. |
| 2. implemented | b. Put into use or action. |
| 3. eliminating | c. Dealing with or working to solve a difficult problem. |
| 4. tackling | d. Going as planned and likely to reach a goal. |
| 5. debt | e. The period just before an important event. |
| 6. gaps | f. Removing something completely. |
| 7. the run-up | g. Money that a person, company, or country owes. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| 8. connectivity | h. A situation in which access to rights or opportunities is unaffected by a person's sex. |
| 9. considerable | i. When there is not enough of something, or when something is missing. |
| 10. lack (noun) | j. To put money, time, or effort into something to get a useful result. |
| 11. gender equality | k. The ability to access the internet or use other communication systems. |
| 12. official (noun) | l. Large or important in size or amount. |
| 13. invest | m. The basic buildings, systems, and services needed for a country or organization to work. |
| 14. infrastructure | n. A person who has a position of authority in a government or organization. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. The SDGs were introduced in the year 2015. **T / F**
2. One SDG was to eliminate climate change. **T / F**
3. The UN said around a third of the goals are on target. **T / F**
4. The article says financing shocks have slowed down the SDGs. **T / F**
5. The UN said no progress has been made with the SDGs. **T / F**
6. Around 74% of the world has internet access today. **T / F**
7. The UN said it could take 171 years to achieve gender equality. **T / F**
8. The UN said it doubted that the goals could be achieved by 2030. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. warned | a. dearth |
| 2. achieve | b. endeavours |
| 3. eliminating | c. fund |
| 4. progressing | d. reach |
| 5. efforts | e. organizations |
| 6. noted | f. advancing |
| 7. lack | g. cautioned |
| 8. invest in | h. collaborate |
| 9. institutions | i. removing |
| 10. cooperate | j. mentioned |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|----------------------------|
| 1. The goals were implemented | a. money in infrastructure |
| 2. reducing gender | b. shocks |
| 3. slow economic | c. of progress |
| 4. global | d. also increased |
| 5. increase their efforts in the run- | e. growth |
| 6. The UN did report signs | f. to cooperate more |
| 7. Internet connectivity has | g. in 2015 |
| 8. many serious challenges | h. up to 2030 |
| 9. governments needed to invest more | i. remain |
| 10. The official also wanted countries | j. inequality |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

The United Nations has (1) _____ that the world is not on track to (2) _____ its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The goals were (3) _____ in 2015 to improve people's lives and protect the planet. They include eliminating poverty, improving education, reducing gender (4) _____, and tackling climate change. However, the UN has reported that only about one third of the goals are (5) _____ on track to be met. Around half are progressing too (6) _____. Wars, climate change, slow economic growth, rising (7) _____, financing gaps, and other global shocks are making progress difficult. The UN has called on countries to increase their efforts in the (8) _____-up to 2030.

slowly
implemented
run
warned
debt
inequality
achieve
currently

The UN did report signs of (9) _____. It noted that one billion more people now have access to drinking water. Internet connectivity has also (10) _____, from around 40 per cent of the world's population in 2015 to about 74 per cent today. Despite these improvements, many serious (11) _____ remain. In particular, there is a considerable (12) _____ of progress on gender equality. A UN spokesperson said: "At the current (13) _____ of progress, gender equality would take 171 years to achieve." Another official said governments needed to (14) _____ more money in infrastructure and institutions. The official also wanted countries to (15) _____ more. The UN said the goals could still be achieved, but much faster action was (16) _____.

challenges
rate
needed
lack
progress
cooperate
increased
invest

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

- 1) The goals were implemented in 2015 to _____
 - a. improved people's lives
 - b. improve people's lives
 - c. improves people's lives
 - d. improvement people's lives
- 2) They include eliminating poverty, improving education, _____
 - a. reducing gender in equality
 - b. reducing gender on equality
 - c. reducing gender inequity
 - d. reducing gender inequality
- 3) only about one third of the goals are currently on track _____
 - a. to be met
 - b. to be get
 - c. to be let
 - d. to be bet
- 4) rising debt, financing gaps, and other global shocks are _____
 - a. making process difficult
 - b. making program difficult
 - c. making progeny difficult
 - d. making prognosis difficult
- 5) The UN has called on countries to increase their efforts in the _____
 - a. run-up two 2030
 - b. run-down to 2030
 - c. runner to 2030
 - d. run-up to 2030
- 6) It noted that one billion more people _____
 - a. now have excess
 - b. now have access
 - c. now have assess
 - d. now have abscess
- 7) Despite these improvements, many _____
 - a. series challenges remain
 - b. seriously challenges remain
 - c. serious challenges remain
 - d. serious challenge remain
- 8) At the current rate of progress, gender equality would take 171 _____
 - a. years for achieve
 - b. years to achieve
 - c. years to achieves
 - d. years to achieved
- 9) governments needed to invest more money in _____
 - a. infrastructure and institution
 - b. infrastructure and constitutions
 - c. inter-structure and institutions
 - d. infrastructure and institutions
- 10) The official also wanted countries _____
 - a. to corporate more
 - b. to cooperate more
 - c. to cooperate amore
 - d. too cooperate more

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

The United Nations has warned that the world is not on (1) _____ its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The goals were implemented in 2015 to improve people's lives and (2) _____. They include eliminating poverty, improving education, (3) _____, and tackling climate change. However, the UN has reported that only about one third of the goals are currently on track (4) _____. Around half are progressing too slowly. Wars, climate change, slow economic growth, rising (5) _____, and other global shocks are making progress difficult. The UN has called on countries to increase their efforts in (6) _____ 2030.

The UN did report (7) _____. It noted that one billion more people now have access to drinking water. Internet connectivity has also increased, from around 40 per cent of (8) _____ in 2015 to about 74 per cent today. Despite these improvements, many serious challenges remain. In particular, there is (9) _____ of progress on gender equality. A UN spokesperson said: "At the current (10) _____, gender equality would take 171 years to achieve." Another official said governments needed to invest more (11) _____ and institutions. The official also wanted countries to cooperate more. The UN said the goals could (12) _____, but much faster action was needed.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

1. When were the SDGs first implemented?
2. What were the SDGs designed to protect besides people's lives?
3. What is one of the SDGs designed to tackle?
4. How many of the goals are currently on track?
5. What does the UN want countries to do in the run-up to 2030?
6. How many people now have access to drinking water?
7. How many people now have access to the internet?
8. What did the UN say there was a lack of progress on?
9. How long will it take to achieve gender equality at the current rate?
10. What did the UN say was needed to achieve the goals?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1) When were the SDGs first implemented?
a) 2014
b) 2015
c) 2018
d) 2020 | 6) How many people now have access to drinking water?
a) billions
b) hundreds of millions
c) one billion
d) 1.5 billion |
| 2) What were the SDGs designed to protect besides people's lives?
a) copyright
b) laws
c) the arts
d) the planet | 7) How many people now have access to the internet?
a) about 47% of the world population
b) about 84% of the world population
c) about 48% of the world population
d) about 74% of the world population |
| 3) What is one of the SDGs designed to tackle?
a) climate change
b) dangerous chemicals
c) fast food
d) privacy | 8) What did the UN say there was a lack of progress on?
a) gender equality
b) AI
c) cybersecurity
d) privacy laws |
| 4) How many of the goals are currently on track?
a) a tenth
b) about two fifths
c) about a third
d) about a quarter | 9) How long will it take to achieve gender equality at the current rate?
a) 171 years
b) 172 years
c) 175 years
d) 179 years |
| 5) What does the UN want countries to do in the run-up to 2030?
a) set new targets
b) increase their efforts
c) think about SDGs for 2050
d) celebrate | 10) What did the UN say was needed to achieve the goals?
a) better laws
b) much faster action
c) more money
d) education |

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

Role A – No Poverty

You think no poverty is the most important SDG. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their goals aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): zero hunger, climate action or sustainable cities.

Role B – Zero Hunger

You think zero hunger is the most important SDG. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their goals aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): no poverty, climate action or sustainable cities.

Role C – Climate Action

You think climate action is the most important SDG. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their goals aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): zero hunger, no poverty or sustainable cities.

Role D – Sustainable Cities

You think sustainable cities is the most important SDG. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their goals aren't as important. Also, tell the others which is the least damaging of these (and why): zero hunger, climate action or no poverty.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'sustainable' and 'development'.

sustainable	development

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

• warned • planet • reducing • third • slowly • efforts	• signs • population • lack • rate • money • faster
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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Sustainable Development Goals in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

SDGs DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'sustainable'?
3. What do you know about Sustainable Development Goals?
4. Have you ever done anything to help achieve one of the goals?
5. Why are the goals not on track?
6. Which of the goals do you think is most important?
7. How often do you see information about the goals?
8. How can we reduce gender inequality?
9. What global shocks have slowed down the goals?
10. What should countries do in the run-up to 2030?

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SDGs DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'development'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How important is greater internet connectivity?
15. Will we ever have gender equality?
16. What could countries cooperate on more?
17. What will happen if the goals have not been achieved by 2030?
18. What would you do if you were head of the UN?
19. What advice do you have for the UN?
20. What questions would you like to ask the UN about the goals?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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The United Nations has (1) _____ that the world is not on track to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The goals were (2) _____ in 2015 to improve people's lives and protect the planet. They (3) _____ eliminating poverty, improving education, reducing gender inequality, and (4) _____ climate change. However, the UN has reported that only about one third of the goals are currently on track to (5) _____ met. Around half are progressing too slowly. Wars, climate change, slow economic growth, rising debt, financing gaps, and other global shocks are making progress difficult. The UN has called (6) _____ countries to increase their efforts in the run-up to 2030.

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) warned | (b) waned | (c) warmed | (d) warning |
| 2. | (a) imploded | (b) implanted | (c) implemented | (d) implicated |
| 3. | (a) inclusion | (b) inclusive | (c) include | (d) including |
| 4. | (a) barging | (b) boycotting | (c) exiling | (d) tackling |
| 5. | (a) have | (b) do | (c) be | (d) see |
| 6. | (a) at | (b) on | (c) of | (d) off |
| 7. | (a) denoted | (b) noted | (c) annotated | (d) dated |
| 8. | (a) Spite | (b) Despite | (c) Dispute | (d) Spiteful |
| 9. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) of | (d) by |
| 10. | (a) At | (b) On | (c) By | (d) To |
| 11. | (a) by | (b) at | (c) for | (d) to |
| 12. | (a) that | (b) by | (c) have | (d) be |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. veaehci its Sustainable Development Goals
2. The goals were peldtnemime in 2015
3. lgtneiianm poverty
4. reducing gender galeiiunyt
5. rising dteb
6. innnaigfc gaps

Paragraph 2

7. internet tcycivotienn
8. despite these moepevnirtms
9. a rcaienoebdls lack of progress
10. Another cliifofa said governments needed to invest
11. nrcseuurtaftri and institutions
12. countries to eeccarpot more

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () by 2030. The goals were implemented in 2015 to improve people's lives and protect the
- () challenges remain. In particular, there is a considerable lack of progress on gender equality. A UN spokesperson
- () countries to cooperate more. The UN said the goals could still be achieved, but much faster action was needed.
- () difficult. The UN has called on countries to increase their efforts in the run-up to 2030.
- () economic growth, rising debt, financing gaps, and other global shocks are making progress
- () inequality, and tackling climate change. However, the UN has reported that only about one
- () official said governments needed to invest more money in infrastructure and institutions. The official also wanted
- () planet. They include eliminating poverty, improving education, reducing gender
- () population in 2015 to about 74 per cent today. Despite these improvements, many serious
- () said: "At the current rate of progress, gender equality would take 171 years to achieve." Another
- () The UN did report signs of progress. It noted that one billion more people now have access
- (**1**) The United Nations has warned that the world is not on track to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- () third of the goals are currently on track to be met. Around half are progressing too slowly. Wars, climate change, slow
- () to drinking water. Internet connectivity has also increased, from around 40 per cent of the world's

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

1. It achieve isn't its on SDGs to track .
2. Improve lives people's planet protect the and .
3. One are goals on of the third track .
4. Other are difficult global making progress shocks .
5. 2030 efforts Increase in run-up their the to .
6. access have More now people to drinking water .
7. Despite many remain . serious these challenges improvements,
8. A equality gender lack of on progress considerable .
9. 171 achieve equality Gender take to would years .
10. The achieved be goals could said the UN .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

The United Nations has *warned* / *waned* that the world is not on track to achieve its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030. The goals were *complemented* / *implemented* in 2015 to improve people's lives and protect the *planetary* / *planet*. They include eliminating poverty, improving education, *reducing* / *reduction* gender inequality, and tackling climate change. However, the UN has reported that only about one third *of* / *on* the goals are currently on track to *be* / *have* met. Around half are progressing too *slow* / *slowly*. Wars, climate change, slow economic growth, *arising* / *rising* debt, financing gaps, and other global shocks are making progress difficult. The UN has called *on* / *at* countries to increase their efforts *at* / *in* the run-up to 2030.

The UN did report signs *off* / *of* progress. It noted that one billion more people now have *access* / *excess* to drinking water. Internet *collectively* / *connectivity* has also increased, from around 40 per cent of the world's population in 2015 to about 74 per cent *today* / *then*. Despite these improvements, many serious challenges *remain* / *remaining*. In particular, there is a considerable lack *on* / *of* progress on gender equality. A UN spokesperson said: "At the current *ratio* / *rate* of progress, gender equality would take 171 years *to* / *for* achieve." Another official said governments needed to invest more money in infrastructure and institutions. The official also wanted countries to cooperate *more* / *much*. The UN said the goals could still be achieved, but much faster action was *needed* / *needy*.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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Th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns h_s w_rn_d th_t th_ w_rld _s n_t _n tr_ck t_ _ch__v_ _ts S_st__n_bl_ D_v_l_pm_nt G__ls (SDGs) by 2030. Th_ g__ls w_r_ _mpl_m_nt_d _n 2015 t_ _mpr_v_ p__pl_'s l_v_s _nd pr_t_ct th_ pl_n_t. Th_y _ncl_d _l_m_n_t_ng p_v_rty, _mpr_v_ng _d_c_t__n, r_d_c_ng g_nd_r _n_q__l_ty, _nd t_ckl_ng cl_m_t_ ch_ng_. H_w_v_r, th_ _N h_s r_p_rtd th_t _nly _b__t _n_ th_rd _f th_ g__ls _r_ c_rr_ntly _n tr_ck t_ b_ m_t. _r__nd h_lf _r_ pr_gr_ss_ng t__ sl_wly. W_rs, cl_m_t_ ch_ng_, sl_w _c_n_m_c gr_wth, r_s_ng d_bt, f_n_nc_ng g_ps, _nd _th_r gl_b_l sh_cks _r_ m_k_ng pr_gr_ss d_ff_c_lt. Th_ _N h_s c_ll_d _n c__ntr__s t_ _ncr__s_ th__r _ff_rts _n th_ r_n-p t_ 2030.

Th_ _N d_d r_p_rt s_gns _f pr_gr_ss. _t n_t_d th_t _n_ b_ll__n m_r_ p__pl_ n_w h_v_ _cc_ss t_ dr_nk_ng w_t_r. _nt_rn_t c_nn_ct_v_ty h_s _ls_ _ncr__s_d, fr_m _r__nd 40 p_r c_nt _f th_ w_rld's p_p_l_t__n _n 2015 t_ _b__t 74 p_r c_nt t_d_y. D_sp_t_ th_s_ _mpr_v_m_nts, m_ny s_r__s ch_ll_ng_s r_m__n. _n p_rtc_l_r, th_r_ _s _ c_ns_d_r_bl_ l_ck _f pr_gr_ss _n g_nd_r _q__l_ty. _ _N sp_k_sp_rs_n s__d: "_t th_ c_rr_nt r_t_ _f pr_gr_ss, g_nd_r _q__l_ty w__ld t_k_ 171 y__rs t_ _ch__v_." _n_th_r _ff_c__l s__d g_v_rnm_nts n__d_d t_ _nv_st m_r_ m_n_y _n _nfr_str_ct_r_ _nd _nst_t_t__ns. Th_ _ff_c__l _ls_ w_nt_d c__ntr__s t_ c__p_r_t_ m_r_. Th_ _N s__d th_ g__ls c__ld st_ll b_ _ch__v_d, b_t m_ch f_st_r _ct__n w_s n__d_d.

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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the un did report signs of progress it noted that one billion more people now have access to drinking water internet connectivity has also increased from around 40 per cent of the worlds population in 2015 to about 74 per cent today despite these improvements many serious challenges remain in particular there is a considerable lack of progress on gender equality a un spokesperson said at the current rate of progress gender equality would take 171 years to achieve another official said governments needed to invest more money in infrastructure and institutions the official also wanted countries to cooperate more the un said the goals could still be achieved but much faster action was needed

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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FREE WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

Write about **Sustainable Development Goals** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are no margins, text, or other markings on the paper.

ACADEMIC WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2609/260921-sustainable-development-goals-sdgs.html>

Gender equality is the most important SDG. Discuss.

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS: Make a poster about Sustainable Development Goals. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. AI SDGs: Write a magazine article about setting AI the task of achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Sustainable Development Goals. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your opinions of them. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 T 2 F 3 T 4 F 5 F 6 T 7 T 8 F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- 2015
- The planet
- Climate change
- About a third
- Increase their efforts
- One billion
- About 74% of the world population
- Gender equality
- 171 years
- Much faster action

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- It isn't on track to achieve its SDGs.
- Improve people's lives and protect the planet.
- One third of the goals are on track.
- Other global shocks are making progress difficult.
- Increase their efforts in the run-up to 2030.
- More people now have access to drinking water.
- Despite these improvements, many serious challenges remain.
- A considerable lack of progress on gender equality.
- Gender equality would take 171 years to achieve.
- The UN said the goals could be achieved.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. c 7. d 8. a 9. a 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)