

WORLD PROBLEMS

Your Vocabulary Log

Make a vocabulary log. Write words or draw pictures to help you remember.

| WORLD PROBLEMS | |
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| acid rain _____ | <i>homelessness</i> _____ |
| cancer _____ | inflation _____ |
| disease _____ | overpopulation _____ |
| drug trafficking _____ | political unrest _____ |
| famine _____ | pollution _____ |
| global warming _____ | poverty _____ |
| government corruption _____ | unemployment _____ |
| <i>(italics = new word)</i> | |

Practice

A Classify the words in your vocabulary log. Write **W** for *world problem* if they don't exist in your country, **N** for *national problem* if they exist in your country, but not in your community, or **C** for *community problem* if they exist in your community.

B How serious are the problems in your country? Write the problems from your vocabulary log in order from 1 (most serious) to 14 (least serious).

| World problems | |
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| 1. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 14. _____ |

C GROUP WORK Compare your opinions about the problems above.

A: I think unemployment is our most serious problem.

B: Really? Why?

A: Well, if people have jobs, all the other problems can be solved.

C: I disagree. I think overpopulation is our most serious problem.