

# SOCIAL ISSUES

## Your Vocabulary Log

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

SOCIAL ISSUES	
bullying _____	inadequate health care _____
company outsourcing _____	lack of affordable child care _____
<i>gender discrimination</i> _____	noise pollution _____
graffiti _____	overcrowded classrooms _____
<i>gun violence</i> _____	stray animals _____
high sales tax _____	street crime _____
homelessness _____	unemployment _____

*(italics = new word)*

## 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 area? Write the issues from your vocabulary log in order from 1 (most serious) to 14 (least serious).

Social issues	
1. _____	8. _____
2. _____	9. _____
3. _____	10. _____
4. _____	11. _____
5. _____	12. _____
6. _____	13. _____
7. _____	14. _____

**C PAIR WORK** Compare opinions about these issues.

A: I think street crime is our most serious issue.

B: Really? I think unemployment is a bigger problem. It can lead to other problems, too, like homelessness.