

Problems and solutions

Aims

Practice using quantifiers and first conditional to describe problems and solutions.

Language focus

Grammar

Quantifiers; first conditional

Set-up

Group work

Lesson link

For use after Unit 8, Lesson C

Time

25 minutes

Preparation

Duplicate one copy of the worksheet for each group of three to four students

4. Have students work together to identify three more problems and come up with solutions. As students are working, walk around to monitor the activity and help as needed.
5. After 15 minutes, have each group work with another group to compare problems and solutions.
6. To follow up, have a few groups share their problems and solutions with the class.

Answer Key

Possible sentences:

There are too many people.
 There aren't enough buses.
 There are fewer recycling centers now.
 There are too many factories.
 There is too much trash in the river.

Procedure

1. Put students in groups and distribute the worksheets. Give students some time to read the information about Johnsville. Answer any questions about vocabulary.
2. Tell the students that the town of Johnsville has many problems. Students are going to identify the biggest problems and come up with a solution to each problem.
3. Go over the example answer in the chart. Ask students what information in the worksheet the problem and solution are based on (*There are now 17,000 people in Johnsville; the average family has 2.8 cars.*). Have students describe the problem using quantifiers (*too much, too many, more, enough, fewer, less*). They should use the first conditional to explain why or how the solution will help.

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WHAT'S WRONG IN JOHNSVILLE?

The town of Johnsville used to be a nice little town of about 3,000 people. The air was fresh, and the river was clean. That was 10 years ago. Now the town has a serious pollution problem, and the city recently announced that the river was not safe for swimming. A newspaper called Johnsville "the dirtiest town in the state."

Here are the facts:

- There are now 17,000 people in Johnsville.
- The average family has 2.8 cars.
- The city still has no public transportation service. They say they have no money to start one.
- The town used to have three recycling centers, but now there is only one.
- Three new factories have opened in the last 10 years. This has created hundreds of jobs.
- The river is full of plastic bottles and plastic bags from the local supermarkets.

What do you think? What are the problems? What are the solutions? Can we fix Johnsville? Let us know your ideas.



Problem	Solution
1. <i>There are too many cars in the town.</i>	1. <i>Give people bicycles. If people ride bicycles to work, there will be less pollution.</i>
2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	4. _____