

Unit 1: Problems! Problems! Problems!

Level 2

Reading: How can we improve the world during these difficult times?

There are many problems in the world today, such as global warming, war, prejudice, sickness, and poverty. How can these problems be solved? What can governments, businesses, and other organizations do? What can regular **citizens** like you and I do to **collaborate** on finding solutions? These are extremely difficult questions, but it is very important to **analyze** the problems and see if we can find some solutions. Our lives and our world depend on it.

Key Words

citizens – regular people in a nation, not government workers or soldiers.
collaborate – to work together on a project
analyze – to look at something very carefully

Conversation

Wow! It's stressful with so many problems in the world!	
	What problems are you worried about?
Have you read what's going on in the news lately?	
	No, not so much. What's happening in the news that is stressing you out?
Nations are at war, pollution, prejudice. I don't know what we can do to help.	
	I don't know, either. How about we just go see a movie? It will help take your mind off all of that for awhile and relieve some of your stress.
A: Sounds good.	

Useful Phrases for Further Conversation

If we _____ (conserve energy, learn tolerance, recycle, etc.)
then _____ (save the environment, move closer to peace, etc.).