



Topic

Conversation for Advanced

Lesson 3
The Man Who Helped
Feed the World



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About 9.2% of the world, or 689 million people, live in extreme poverty on less than \$1.90 a day.

- World Bank, 2020

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Name some problems poor people experience.

Target Language

Introduce the learning goals to the student.

In this lesson, we will learn about

The Man Who Helped Feed the World:

- read an article about an influential scientist;
- learn words and expressions about the man who helped feed the world in the passage;
- share your opinions about how poverty can be put to an end.

Key words:

1. devoted
2. deficiency
3. agronomist
4. hybrid
5. alleviate
6. innovation
7. outyield
8. dogged

Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Have you ever thought of feeding millions of people around the world? As of 2022, there are about 811 million people globally who suffer from hunger. That is over 10% of the world's population.

A **devoted** scientist from China transformed his country and many developing countries around the world from "food **deficiency** to food security" within three decades. Mr. Yuan Longping, who was a Chinese **agronomist**, is known as "The Father of **Hybrid Rice**." He was a member of the Chinese Academy of Engineering known for developing the first hybrid rice in the 1970s to **alleviate** famine in China.

Comprehension Check:

1. How many people are living in poverty in the world as of 2022?
2. Who is Yuan Longping?



Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

Yuan endured life's hardships yet pursued innovative scientific research to ascend to the top of hybrid rice research and development. Because of his unending dedication to helping the poor, he persevered in accomplishing the growth of hybrid rice - a type of rice that has been bred from two different parents. This **innovation**, which significantly **outyields** other varieties of rice up to 15%, helped feed an extra 70 million people worldwide every year.

Owing to this accomplishment, Mr. Yuan received the World Food Prize in 2004. The award recognized him as a contributor to obtaining improved quality and availability of food around the world.

Comprehension Check:

3. Why did Mr. Yuan persevere in accomplishing the growth of hybrid rice?
4. What recognition did Mr. Yuan receive? What was it for?



Reading

Read the passage and pay attention to the key words.

His death on May 22, 2021, triggered messages of grief across the country. Mr. Yuan was considered a national hero and a symbol of **dogged** scientific pursuit in China. He may have left the world but he and his contribution to developing hybrid rice and fighting world hunger will always be remembered.

Comprehension Check:

- 5. What triggered messages of grief in China?*
- 6. Why can't people forget Mr. Yuan?*



Respond to Reading

Complete the task.

Write TRUE if the statement is true and FALSE if it is not.

- _____ 1. There are about 811 million people globally who suffer from hunger.
- _____ 2. A devoted scientist from China transformed the world from "food security to food deficiency".
- _____ 3. Mr. Yuan persevered in accomplishing the growth of hybrid rice.
- _____ 4. His innovation helped feed an extra 70 million people worldwide every year.
- _____ 5. Mr. Yuan received the World Golf Awards in 2004 for his contribution.
- _____ 6. Mr. Yuan was considered a symbol of dogged scientific pursuit in China.

Free Talk

Name some causes of poverty and share your opinions on how to solve them.

CAUSES

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

SOLUTIONS

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

- Why are some people rich while others are poor?
- Is it the government's responsibility to provide welfare assistance to the poor?
- Do you think it will ever be possible to eradicate poverty in the world?

Summary

Make a summary of the topic you have learned today.

Poverty is not a hindrance to success. If an individual is poor, they should persevere to succeed. Perseverance will always lead us to something great – the world may even recognize it.

Talk about how an individual can help fight poverty.

You may use some of the words you've learned.



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Your opinion...

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