

# Topic

Conversation  
for Intermediates



H4



Describe  
the  
pictures.





Today's Topic

# Poverty

**Poverty is a condition in which a person or community lacks the financial resources and essentials for a minimum standard of living.**



# TARGET LANGUAGE

In this lesson, we will **talk about poverty**:

- learn words/expressions/phrases related to the topic;
- make sentences related to the topic;
- answer questions and share ideas related to the topic.

## Key phrases:

debt  
shortage  
go broke  
deprived

## Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

1. The reality is that they are condemned to a lifetime of poverty by an inescapable burden of **debt**.

Q1. If you lent money to another person but they didn't pay you back, what would you do?

Q2. What's the best way to stay out of debt?



## I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

2. There is a **shortage** of rice in some parts of the country.

Q1. Has your country experienced a shortage of any resources?

Q2. Why does food shortage happen?





## I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

3. My uncle started a company last year, but it quickly **went broke**.

Q1. How can a company pay its debts if it goes bankrupt?

Q2. Do you know of an established company that went broke?



## I Key Sentences

Read and share your opinions.

4. In **deprived** communities, 80% of the population has not been to an arts event or even to the cinemas.

Q1. Aside from the one mentioned, what other things can't people in deprived communities do?

Q2. Do you think it is the sole responsibility of the government to improve the living conditions of these communities? Why or why not?





## Vocabulary

Sum up and make sentences with the words.



### debt

an amount of money that you owe



### go broke

means to no longer have any money and be unable to pay what you owe



### shortage

means a lack of something that you need or want



### deprived

not having the things that are essential for a comfortable life

## Vocabulary Check

Choose the correct words to complete the sentences.

debt

deprived

went broke

shortage

1. They've borrowed so much money that they're up to their ears in \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A lot of these children have been \_\_\_\_\_ of a normal home life.
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ of rice was credited to lack of rain.
4. A lot of small businesses \_\_\_\_\_ during the recession.



## Review

Fill in the blanks with the given letter.

Poverty exists everywhere in the world, even in the most progressive nations. However, the living condition of the poor differs across countries. In developed nations, poverty means being unable to keep up with the standard of living determined by the society in which they live. It means that the poor can still meet their basic needs. But they do not have enough money for luxurious things. That is why some people g    1     and have d    2     because they force themselves to live a lifestyle they can't afford.

On another side of the world, poverty means being d    3     of the most basic needs for survival such as food, clothing, and shelter. Hunger, a result of food s    4    , is an everyday sight. People experience extreme hardships in these places.

## Free Talk

Learn the types of poverty and share your opinions.

### Relative Poverty

The condition in which people lack the minimum amount of income needed in order to maintain the average standard of living in the society in which they live.

vs.

### Absolute Poverty

The condition in which people are deprived of basic needs such as food, clothing, shelter, etc.

What type of poverty is it?

1. Tommy's family lives in a slum area. He only eats one meal a day, which explains his thin body. He doesn't go to school because his parents do not have a job.
2. Michael earns minimum wage a day. But it is not enough, so he also relies on government assistance in order to meet his basic needs.

Which type of poverty is more serious? Explain.



## Free Talk

Brainstorm with your teacher and share your opinions.

# How can the living condition in the most deprived communities be improved?



### Healthcare and Sanitation:

Build more healthcare facilities and teach the connection between sanitation and health.



### Education:



### Work:



### Others:

