

TECHNOLOGY

Accumulate a wealth of information
Long-term studies indicate
Online services / shopping online
Available downloading
Computer networks / computer viruses
Perform various tasks
Hacking / pirating
Provide information / have access to
Economical cost / level of accuracy
Competition from manufacturers
Computerized transactions
Educational technology
Satellites / interactive video
Flexible learning / educational software
Professional guidance
Apply I.T. to all areas of study
Develop high-quality curriculum materials
Artificial intelligence / robotics revolution
Maintain a national expertise
Computers in medicine
Spaceflights / virtual reality / multimedia

NATURAL DISASTERS / ENVIRONMENT

Eruption of volcanoes
The catastrophe struck
Death toll from natural disasters
Pose a significant threat to humans
Floods / earthquakes/ droughts / famine / hurricanes / tidal waves
Heavy rainstorms / rivers overflow
Avalanches / great masses of snow slide down mountains
Long dry spells / life threatening food shortage
Waste products / fumes, toxic chemicals / pollutants
Insecticides / fertilizers upset the balance of nature
Greenhouse effect / global warming
Species of animals and plants become extinct
Natural resources decrease
Devastating effects / consequences
Jeopardize / preserve / recycle / dispose of / incinerate
Habitat / dam / fossil
Smog / prevention / precautions / contribution
Humanity / inhumanity
Scarcity / regulations

Thousands of children starve to death
Make aware of the benefits of recycling
Pass environmental-protection laws
Extinguish the devastation forest fire
Extreme measures / hostile reaction / potential dangers
Undesirable effects of ozone depletion
Unsanitary water supply / unstable weather conditions
Indifferent to the fate of the planet
Alternative forms of energy
Conserve the environment for future generations
Acid rain / aerosol / carbon monoxide
Conservation of energy / nuclear energy
Renewable resources / unleaded petrol
Environmental group / green issues / pressure group
Ecosystem / food chain
GM genetically modified products
Genetic engineering : technology used to modify the genetic material of a cell or organism
Fossil fuels / landfills

EDUCATION

Kindergarten / nursery / primary school
faculty / university
Illiteracy / distance learning
Private tutor / complete a course of study
Pass an examination
Degree / diploma / certificate
Education provided by the government
Term / semester
Academic subjects / practical skills
Leave secondary school
Adult education / higher education
Master's degree / doctorate
Private / state schools / colleges
Abolish exams / emphasis placed on examination results
Play a part in the educational system
Exam system unfair / (in)efficient way of comparing
Encourage people to compete to get better grades
Assess students' knowledge

HUMAN RIGHTS

Agreement concluded between states / convention

Declaration / set of objectives and principles / moral weight
democracy / participation of the people / free elections
access to resources, benefits and opportunities
Disadvantaged / encounter structural obstacles
discrimination / exclusion / distinction
Based on race, colour, sex, language, religion, ethnic origin
Equal recognition / exercise of human rights
Fundamental freedom in the political, economic, social, cultural field of
public life
illiteracy / literate person
participation / influential role in shaping decisions that affect their lives
peace-making / negotiations / judicial settlements / cease-fire agreements
protocol / international treaty / legal force
public freedoms / guaranteed and protected by the state
refugees / fear of persecution
rule of law / uphold the dignity of the individual

GLOBALISATION

Among the surprising findings of the past decade
Shifts in world politics
Current structural changes
Reflect the fragmentation of global governance
Language of globalization
Merging of cultures
Languages becoming extinct

UNEMPLOYMENT

Qualifications
Laborer / unskilled worker
Unions protect employees' rights
Lay off / dismiss/ fire
Strike / working conditions
Resign / quit
Retire / retirement
Evaluate / promote
Elect / vote
Train / specialize
Appoint
Competent / incompetent
Cooperative / unprofessional / amateur
Down-to-earth / weary / prospective / broad-minded
Meet the deadline

Make a good living
Make ends meet
Follow in your parents' footsteps
Move up the ladder

SPORTS / DRUGS

Take drugs to enhance performance
Pre-competition drug-testing
Physician of the Olympic team
Use artificial body-building drugs
Anabolic steroids
Warn athletes of their potential side effects, including cancer, heart and liver damage, impotence and sterility
Athletes tested positive for banned drugs
Withdraw from the games
Championship / international competition
Defeat / disqualify
World record / spectators / sportsmen / supporters
Win a medal / victory / coach
Artificial substances / 'testosterone'
Athletes rely on strength, size
Track and field events / weight lifting
Steroids and sports are said to be a dangerous mix

VOLUNTEER ACTION / NON-PROFIT ORGANISATIONS

'Doctors without borders' / internet doctors
provide medical consultation and treatment
face real-world obstacles
lack of specialists in developing countries
influential role in
work on a purely voluntary basis
activism / affect changes in government and social conditions
altruism / concern for the welfare of others
benevolence / charitable
boycott / means of protest
civil rights / common good
community education / improve aspects of community
consensus / collective opinion
contribute / cooperate / demonstrate / donate
fund-raising / emergency preparedness
set a goal / gift giving / grant proposal
attain the organisation's aims

generate income
achievement of purpose / funded by donations
charitable nature of their activities
Amnesty International / the Red Cross / UNESCO / SOS Children's
Villages

WELL BEING

Reverse a lifetime of bad habits / reverse some of the effects of aging
Adopt healthy habits / a healthy diet
Chronic diseases
Lower blood pressure or hypertension
Low-fat products and high-fiber grains
Become more flexible
Being overweight increases your risk of heart disease
Boost physical activity
Cut back on calories
Undo the damage
The risk is substantially lower