



Society

Common questions

Part 1 - What social problems are there in your country?

Part 1 - You mentioned ____; what can be done to alleviate this problem?

Part 2 - Describe an aspect of modern society that you dislike.

Part 3 - Is overpopulation an issue in your country?

Part 3 - What can be done to combat overpopulation?

Part 3 - How has society changed since you were young?

Vocabulary and expressions

Discrepancy (n) - a difference between two things that should be the same.

There is a huge discrepancy in quality of life between the city and countryside.

Persist (v) - continue to exist.

There are several social issues persisting today.

Necessitate (v) - to cause something to be needed.

The wealth gap necessitates some new policies from the government.

Dire (adj) - very serious or extreme.

There will be dire consequences if my country's birth rate continues to fall.

Minority (n) - a small group of people in a society (often experiencing different treatment).

Young couples able to buy a house are in the minority nowadays.

Conform (v) - to behave according to the standards of behaviour expected by a society.

Sometimes it is easier to just conform to the expectations of elders.

Prejudiced (adj) - showing an unreasonable dislike for something or someone.

Many companies are prejudiced against people over 50.

Discriminate (v) - to treat a person or particular group of people differently, especially unfairly.

People in my country sometimes discriminate against foreign workers.

Phenomenon (n) - something that can be experienced or felt, especially something unusual.

Young couples moving to the countryside is a new phenomenon.

Homogeneous (adj) - consisting of people that are similar to each other or are of the same type.

My country has a very homogeneous population.