

INTERMEDIATE UNIT 10

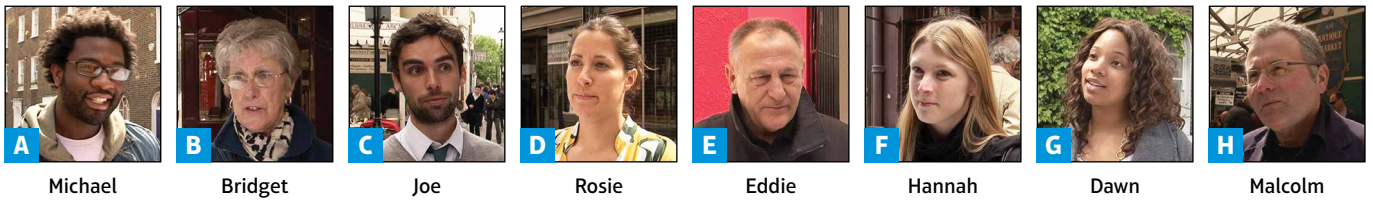
1 **OVERVIEW:** Watch the video. Which opinions do you most agree with?

2 Watch the video from 0:10–0:23 and complete Val's introduction.

Today I'm talking to people about what's happening in the world and <sup>1</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ that <sup>2</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ them. What do you think are the biggest <sup>3</sup> \_\_\_\_\_ facing the world today?



3 What are the biggest challenges facing the world today? Look at the people and read their answers. Then watch the video from 0:23–1:42 and match the responses to the speakers. There is more than one answer for some of the people.



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| 1 the environment      | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 5 greed       | <input type="checkbox"/> | 9 energy                    | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2 poverty              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | 6 food        | <input type="checkbox"/> | 10 environmental pollution  | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3 lack of fossil fuels | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 7 corruption  | <input type="checkbox"/> | 11 global warming           | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4 terrorism            | <input type="checkbox"/>            | 8 the economy | <input type="checkbox"/> | 12 our environmental impact | <input type="checkbox"/> |

**Glossary:** *our environmental impact* = the effect of human actions on the environment  
*greed* = wanting more food, money, power, etc. than you need  
*fossil fuels* = sources of energy such as coal and oil

4 Look at the people and read the statements. Then watch the video from 0:23–1:42 again. Write true (T) or false (F) next to each statement.



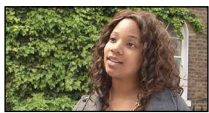
Joe

1 Joe thinks all major challenges, such as poverty and global warming, are at some level caused by the drive to make a profit.  T



Rosie

2 Rosie thinks the big social issue that needs addressing at the moment is our environmental impact. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 She says that this issue is high on the agenda with politicians, and globally. \_\_\_\_\_



Dawn

4 Dawn thinks that most people are satisfied with what they have now. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 The big problem is that the 'have-nots' in society have less than before because of greed and corruption. \_\_\_\_\_



Malcolm

6 The nations of the world need to discover new sources of energy to replace fossil fuels. \_\_\_\_\_  
 7 There'll be no more oil and coal within fifteen years. \_\_\_\_\_

**Glossary:** *high on the agenda* = a very important issue  
*'the haves'/'the have-nots'* (informal) = people who have/don't have enough to live well  
*run out* = finish

- 5 If you could do one thing to change the world, what would it be? Watch the video from 1:43–3:13 and number the answers in the order you hear them, 1–8.

solve the problem of global poverty 1 wind farms \_\_\_\_\_ change places with other people \_\_\_\_\_  
 stop all the wars \_\_\_\_\_ save natural resources \_\_\_\_\_ help the poor \_\_\_\_\_ talk to each other \_\_\_\_\_  
 more women Prime Ministers \_\_\_\_\_

- 6 Look at the people in the pictures and read their answers. Then watch the video from 1:43–2:37 and underline the words you hear.



Michael

Probably <sup>1</sup>rectify/stop global poverty.



Bridget

Stop all the wars. Make everybody live in <sup>2</sup>piece/peace, in harmony.



Joe

If people chat more, then I'll be able to understand their viewpoint; <sup>3</sup>thankfully/hopefully they'll understand my viewpoint; hopefully less <sup>4</sup>war/conflict, whether it's over poverty, whether it's over global warming, whether it's over any other physical conflict as well. So, people need to <sup>5</sup>talk/chat more.



Rosie

I would like to see more women in <sup>6</sup>politics/power. I'd like to see more women Prime Ministers because, for some reason, I think that they would have a more <sup>7</sup>warming/nurturing response to things and perhaps have better ways of dealing with all <sup>8</sup>sorts/kinds of world issues such as war.



Malcolm

Wind farms. We've got lots of wind in this country and in places like Denmark, so we could use that as a possible <sup>9</sup>sauce/source of fuel.

**Glossary:** rectify = put right  
 viewpoint = point of view  
 nurturing = caring/helping

**7 THE WAY WE SPEAK:** The people in the pictures use phrasal verbs and idiomatic expressions to talk about their ideas. Watch the video from 2:37–3:13 and complete the phrases in italics.



Eddie

We need to get more countries agreeing with each other because I think eventually the world's going to *run <sup>1</sup>out of* natural resources. And we have to <sup>2</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *together* to *sort it* <sup>3</sup>\_\_\_\_\_.



Dawn

I don't know. Kinda have everybody <sup>4</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *in each other's shoes* sometimes. I think sometimes we kinda are quick to judge and not always know what other people are <sup>5</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *through*. So, that would be a good little thing to have: to be able to *switch* <sup>6</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *roles* sometimes. It's not always easier <sup>7</sup>\_\_\_\_\_ *other side*.

**Glossary:** *natural resources* = e.g. wood, oil, minerals  
*judge* = give opinions about people  
*kinda* (America English) = kind of (British English)

**8 VOCABULARY:** Match the verbs and expressions in *italics* from Exercise 7 to definitions 1–7.

- 1 live some else's life = \_\_\_\_\_ *live in each other's shoes* \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 have none left = \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 find a solution/decide what to do = \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 in someone else's position = \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 experiencing/suffering = \_\_\_\_\_
- 6 meet = \_\_\_\_\_
- 7 change places with someone = \_\_\_\_\_

**9 PERSONALISATION:** Write *your* answers to the questions.

- 1 What do you think are the three biggest challenges facing the world today?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 If you could do one thing to change the world, what would it be?  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_