



II° Grade Worksheet

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Meta: Demostrar comprensión de un artículo sobre globalización, identificando ideas generales, vocabulario temático y asociándolo a su contexto cultural.

What is a Global Issue?

An “issue” is a matter of concern or of interest, and may have a political, social, environmental or economic focus. An example of a political issue is, whether a country becomes a republic. An example of a social issue might be how to reduce violence on the streets. Issues can also occur on different scales. They can be local or global, according to the area that is affected. When we talk about a global issue, we are usually referring to something that affects a number of countries and populations. It is an issue that impacts upon or is important to the global community. Here are some examples of the most important global issues nowadays:

I. _____

International organizations predict that rising prices for food commodities and increasing fuel prices will lead to an increase in the numbers of hungry people in developing countries over the next decades.

II. _____

Since the early twentieth century, global temperatures have been increasing gradually. There is growing international concern that climate change will impact on the economy, health, safety and security of many countries and their inhabitants.

III. _____

Effective sanitation is important for human health. Exclusion from water and sanitation services on the basis of poverty, ability to pay, group membership or place of habitation is a violation of human rights.

IV. _____

Over the past years, scientists have been noticing a rapid disintegration of ice shelves on the Antarctic Peninsula and the northern coast of Canada. This process has had a huge impact on world climate, ocean currents and the wildlife in the area around ice shelves.

V. _____

Humans have traded goods and services since long before recorded history. However, during the last decades, international trade has been increasing significantly due to improved transportation, communication and the integration of country economies.

VI. _____

Indigenous people have inherited unique social, cultural, economic and political characteristics. The international community has recognized that indigenous people are vulnerable and that steps need to be taken to protect their unique cultures.

VII. _____

Sustainable development recognizes that future development cannot occur without protection of the world's natural resources for future generations.

VIII. Children's right

In 1989, world leaders decided that people under 18 years old often need special care and protection. A summary of the rights under The Convention on the Rights of the Child can be found at http://www.unicef.org/crc/files/Rights_overview.pdf

1. Read the text carefully. Identify and **match the title** (a – g) for each **paragraph** (I – VII).

EXAMPLE:

Children's rights: **Paragraph VIII.**

- a. Climate change
- b. Global food production
- c. Globalization
- d. Ice shelf boundaries
- e. Cultural diversity
- f. Sustainability of the planet
- g. Water shortage

2. Give **Chilean examples** of:

- a. A political issue:
- b. A social issue:
- c. An environmental issue:
- d. An economic issue:

3. **Rank the global issues** in the text according to their impact on Chile (assign a number from 1 to 4, **1= the most important**).

