



Discrimination

VOCABULARY:

- The government is taking steps to combat **racism** in school.
- He doesn't conform to the national **stereotype** of a Frenchman.
- After the 9-11 tragedy, many foreigners experienced **xenophobia**.
- He claims that **prejudice** against homosexuals would cease overnight.

QUESTIONS:

1. What springs to your mind when you hear the word "discrimination"?
2. Have you ever been discriminated against?
3. What do you think is the worst kind of discrimination?
4. What kind of racial discrimination exists in your country?
5. Are there strong laws in your country to prevent discrimination?
6. Which countries around the world have shocking levels of discrimination?
7. What kind of sexual discrimination exists in your country?
8. Is there discrimination in your school/company?
9. Do you think discrimination in the world will ever disappear?
10. What do you think are the ways to lesson discrimination?



VOCABULARY:

- The reality is that they are condemned to a lifetime of poverty by an inescapable burden of **debt**.
- There is a **shortage** of rice in some of part of the country.
- My uncle started a company last year but it quickly **went broke**.
- In **deprived** communities 80% have not been to an arts event or even the cinemas.
- To avoid **bankruptcy** there are a number of things you can do.

QUESTIONS:

1. What comes to your mind when you hear the word poverty?
2. Is poverty different in rich countries than in poor ones?
3. What kind of poverty exists in your country?
4. Why do so many people live below the poverty line?
5. What are the causes of poverty?
6. How would the world be different if there was no poverty?
7. What is more important to win, the war on terror or the war on poverty?
8. Do you think there'd be no wars if there was no poverty?
9. Is it possible for the world to make poverty disappear?
10. What do you think of people who buy expensive brands when so much poverty exists in the world?



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- Most people, however, practiced a virtuous **monogamy** and avoided all immorality.
- He committed **bigamy** by not getting divorced before marrying again.
- She does not seem to have had much luck in her marriage; her husband was notoriously **unfaithful**.
- That girl was **flirting** with just about every man in the office.
- A **polygamous** marriage between partners, one or both of whom are not valid in some parts of the world.

QUESTIONS:

1. Are extra marital affairs common in your society?
2. Why do people commit adultery?
3. Do you think adultery should be a criminal offense?
4. What punishment should the adulterer and his/her lover receive?
5. Do you agree with the expression "once an adulterer, always an adulterer?"
6. Is it worse for the adulterer to be the man or the woman?
7. Could you trust your partner again if they had cheated on you?
8. What would you do if you discovered your partner had been unfaithful just once-five years ago?
9. Is adultery reasonable grounds for divorce?
10. Do you have any stories about husbands and wives playing around?



VOCABULARY:

- My sister had two **miscarriages** before she gave birth to her daughter.
- She stopped smoking when she became **pregnant**.
- **Abortion** is restricted in some Asian countries.

QUESTIONS:

1. Is abortion a social problem in your country?
2. Do you think abortion should be legal or illegal?
3. Do you think there are any special cases in which abortion is acceptable?
4. Do you sympathize with pro-life argument?
5. Do you think abortions should be encouraged for girls of 12,13 or 14 years old?
6. Is having an abortion a selfish choice?
7. Does the mother have the right to control her own body?
8. Why allow an unwanted baby to be born?
9. Some people think doctors who carry out abortions are murderers. What do you think?
10. What advice would you give to women who want to abort their babies?



VOCABULARY:

- At this time there is a group of people seeking **compensation** from the government.
- My mother is receiving a retirement **pension** every month.

QUESTIONS:

1. What do you think is the best age for retirement?
2. Are you looking forward for your retirement?
3. What do you think you'll do more of in your retirement?
4. Do you think retirement might be the best years of your life?
5. What problems does a country have if too many of its citizen are in retirement?
6. Are you putting money away for your retirement?
7. Is retirement the end of useful life or a new beginning?
8. Do you think retirement is when you stop living at work and begin working at living?
9. What do you think of the idea of living on a retirement at home?
10. Do you think the challenge of retirement is how to spend time without spending money?