

Worksheet 1

Adapted from: <http://www.esldiscussions.com/p/poverty.html>

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show to Student B)

- 1) What is poverty?
- 2) Why do so many people live below the poverty line?
- 3) What kind of poverty exists in your country?
- 4) What do you think living below the poverty line is like?
- 5) Is it possible for the world to make poverty disappear?
- 6) What do you think of people who buy expensive brands when so much poverty exists in the world?
- 7) Aristotle said: "Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime." What do you think?
- 8) Why does poverty exist in rich countries like the USA?
- 9) What do you think of the "Make Poverty History" campaign?

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show to Student A)

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'poverty'?
- 2) Is poverty different in rich countries than in poor ones?
- 3) Do you do anything to help reduce poverty?
- 4) Bernard Shaw said: "The greatest of evils and the worst of crimes is poverty." Do you agree with this?
- 5) How would the world be different if there was no poverty?
- 6) What are the causes of poverty?
- 7) What do you think a poverty trap is and is it easy for people to escape it?
- 8) What is more important to win, the war on terror or the war on poverty? Are governments spending on the right war?
- 9) Do you think there'd be no wars if there was no poverty?