

Global Village

Word of the month

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1. Write four more words that form common collocations with 'global'.

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| 1. citizenship | 4. |
| 2. village | 5. |
| 3. | 6. |

2. Write five more elements of modern life that help make today's world a global village

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| a. internet | d. |
| b. | e. |
| c. | f. |

According to Herbert Marshall McLuhan, the Canadian communications theorist and literature professor, 'There are no boundaries in a global village. All problems will become so intimate as to be one's own,' <https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/global%20village>. This means that because we are now global citizens we are connected with people all over the world, and we share each other's successes and failures. We are all affected by what people all over the world do to each other and to the planet.

3. Complete the sentence.

a. The world is so big. It is filled with different people who speak different languages and who have their own traditions, but we must remember that we all live together on one planet. Together we live in a _____ and we must work together to protect the earth and each other.

4. Imagine you meet a teenager from Tokyo, Japan. Write five more things you think you have in common.

1. You go to school.

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5. Write a post for your blog 'Living in a global village'. Explain why teenagers today are global citizens. Start with this sentence

I'm a teenager and I'm a global citizen. Why? Well, because....

Teacher's Notes

1.

Sample answer: warming, media, movements, community.

2.

Sample answer: social media websites, cheap travel, language exchanges, further education, organised movements

3. a.

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4.

Sample answer:

You live with your family

You like spending time with friends

You have some hobbies

You speak English

You like listening to music

5.

Sample answer:

I'm a teenager and I'm a global citizen. Why? Well, because I use the internet to keep up to date on world events. I know about global issues including the pollution of our seas and oceans as well as endangered species and all sorts of other stuff. I try to recycle everything that me and my family throw away and upcycle old items. I made a dress from my grandma's curtains last week! I know all about the United Nations Sustainable Goals too and really do my best to be a good global citizen. Living in a global village is fun though too. I get to make friends with people from all over the world! I use social media to chat with other teenagers and I use English to speak to them. How about you?

You could direct the students to the UN sustainable development goals website to give them some ideas.