

Learn about the Global Goals

Transcribed from the World's Largest Lesson

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Imagine you're travelling in space. You're looking for intelligent life. You've been travelling for a while because space is, well, spacious. And then you see it...Earth. A tiny island in space. A little spec of water, rock, and soil with a thin veil of air that we can breathe.



There might be life out there in space, but here on earth, it's **everywhere!** If you think about it, we all need the same basic things: **fresh water, clean air, and healthy food**. The good news, is that Earth has enough of those for all of us! The bad news, is that we've got a few problems in the way.



The first, is **climate change**. The way we're living on Earth now is damaging the very things we need to live. The fuels we burn are choking the atmosphere. We're running out of clean drinking water. And all of this is changing the weather!



The second problem is **inequality**. Some people on Earth have far more than they need and most people don't have nearly enough. This can lead to poverty, and that's not fair. Millions of people are unable to get medicine that could stop them from getting sick, or cure them if they do.



In some places, children complain about having to go to **school**. In others, millions of children can't go to school at all. Is that fair?



Luckily, we have a plan! The United Nations' announced the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. These are 17 Goals to protect the planet against Climate Change, and make the world safer, fairer, and more just for everyone. We have to achieve these goals by 2030.

The great thing about having a plan, is that we can check how we're doing along the way—give ourselves a pat on the back if we do well, and try harder if not. 2030 isn't so long away, so we'll need to encourage each other with lots of ideas. We can start by making these goals famous. There are **17 goals** altogether, so lots of different ways you can help.

What if being a girl or a boy makes no difference to how safe you feel, the friends you have, or the places you could go?

What if we found new ways to make water clean and drinkable?

What if we could recycle all of our waste?

WHAT ELSE DO YOU THINK WE COULD DO?

We all live on Earth and we depend on the Earth to live. We have many different cultures. We only have one planet. If we take care of it and each other, and share what we produce fairly and sustainably, everything we need is right here.

Someday, we may find intelligent life on other planets. In the meantime, let's see how intelligent we can make it down here for all of us, at home, on Earth.

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Did you read the Learn about the Global Goals worksheet or watch the World's Largest Lesson video? If so, test your knowledge by answering some of the questions below.

What are the three basic things we all need?

Fresh water, clean air and chocolate

Healthy food, fresh fish and clean clothes

Fresh water, clean air and healthy food

What is the first problem we are facing called?

Climate Change

Poverty

Water

What is the second major problem we face?

Inequality

Climate Change

Unfairness

What is the United Nation's plan called?

The Global Goals for Sustainable Sheep

The Global Goals for Possible Developers

The Global Goals for Sustainable Development

How many goals are there?

10

8

17

20