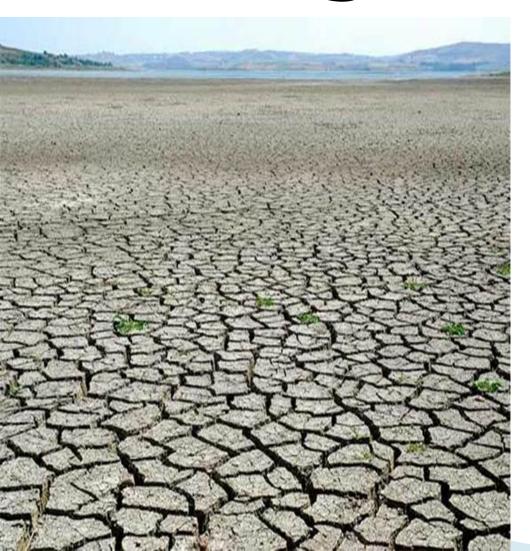
Global problems of today



I THINK WE ARE GOING TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF PROTECTING OUR PLANET. THE EARTH IS IN DANGER AND WE SHOULD SAVE IT.

Look at the screen and remember the names of all natural disasters which threaten our planet and people.

Drought



A period of time with no rain

Flood



Large amount of water that covers an area which is usually dry

Tornado



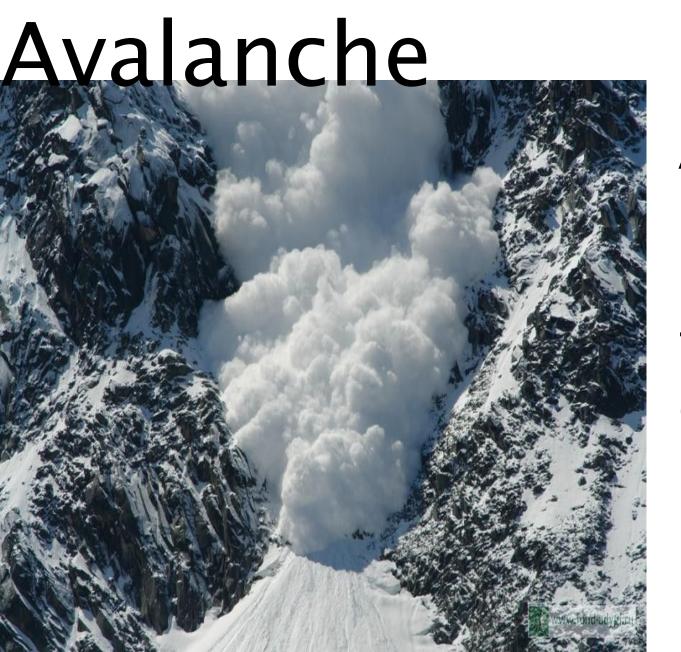
A violent wind storm which consists of a tall column of air spinning around very fast



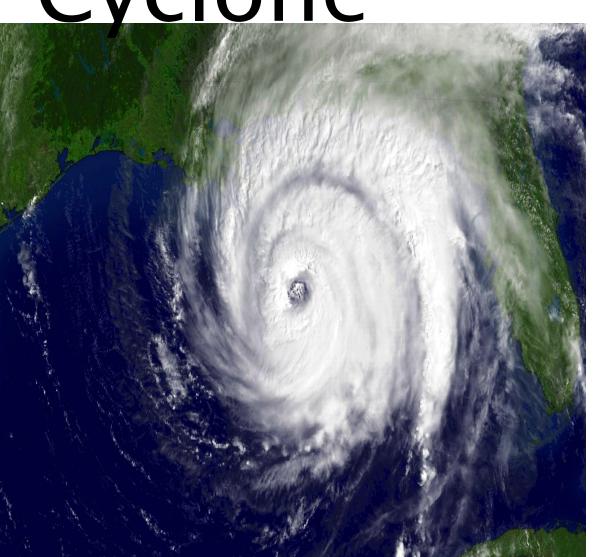
A shaking of the ground



An extremely violent wind or storm



A large mass of snow falling down the side of mountain Cyclone



A violent tropical storm in which the air goes round and round



A huge wave caused by an earthquake which flows onto land

And now let's look at the screen. What is it? What is happening? What are people doing?

Journalist



An earthquake that occurred at 07:59 local time under the Indian ocean generated the biggest tsunami the world has seen in the last 40 years. The massive waves have killed over 10,000 people in southern Asia. Thousands have lost their homes. This must be one of the most worst natural disasters in recent history.

Holiday maker



I was lying on the beach sunbathing when I suddenly noticed huge waves. Before I knew it, the water had reached me.

I started to run, but I couldn't, because the water was up to my knees. People around me were screaming. A few seconds later I was under the water. Pieces of wood were hitting me. Luckily, a man who was on a palm tree pulled me out of the water onto the tree. After a few hours, we were rescued by some local men and taken to the hospital.

Doctor



At the hotel, my colleagues and I were helping injured people. We gave them emergency first aid before they were taken to hospital. Some of the injuries we had to treat were quite horrific. The streets outside were

littered with fallen palm trees and huge pieces of wood and metal. Member of a rescue team



A ship carrying 350 tons of rice,

water, tinned fish and other supplies arrived at Nias, Indonesia today, and we have already started distributing food to the people. Unfortunately, cracked roads

and collapsed bridges are making it very difficult. In the early hours of Thursday, we managed to find a

13-year-old girl who was still alive. She had been buried underneath a five-storey building for 52 hours.

Natural disasters are the main source of hunger, poverty and homelessness. What other global problems do you know?

Let's translate these Russian words and phrases into English.

Global issues

- Война
- Бедность
- Голод
- □ Глобальное потепление
- □ Исчезающие виды
- Загрязнение
- Детский труд
- Бездомность

- War
- Poverty
- Famine
- Global warming
- Endangered species
- Pollution
- Child labour
- Homelessness

In some countries there are just too many people to feed. It hardly rains so crops can't grow and animals die. Countries should help by sending food, tools and other things to help these people have better lives.

Let's watch a documentary about poverty in Africa.

In some families, everybody has to work or there won't be enough food to eat. Governments should support these families. They should also set up schools so children get an Education that will help them to find jobs when they are older.

Our planet is getting hotter and hotter. This causes changes in climate, sea levels are rising, ice caps are melting, animals and plants are dying. If we try, we can reduce the greenhouse gases that we put into the atmosphere, which make the Earth warmer.



We can save on electricity by turning off the lights when we don't need them. We can also save energy by taking the bus, riding a bike or walking. Every little bit helps.

What do you think can be done to protect our environment?

Animals' habitats are being destroyed. Also, lots of people hunt even when they are not allowed.



Governments should protect Areas where animals live and hunters should be sent to prison.

Terrorism is the global problem nowadays that endanger life of every person on the earth. The primary purpose of all governments should encourage and enable people to join their forces against terrorism and win it by common efforts.

WE LIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND HUMANITY HAS A GREAT PROGRESS IN TECHNOLOGY, SO I THINK IT IS STRANGE THAT WE STILL HAVE GLOBAL PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT DEAL WITH SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL ISSUES. I AM SURE THAT THEY can BE SOIVED COMPLETELY WITHOUT ANY CONFLICTS OR WARS.

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John Lennon IMAGINE

- Imagine there's no heaven,
- It's easy if you try,
- No hell below us,
- Above us only sky,
- Imagine all the people
- living for today...
- Imagine there's no countries,
- It isn't hard to do,
- Nothing to kill or die for,
- No religion too,
- Imagine all the people
- living life in peace...

- You may say I'm a dreamer,
- but I'm not the only one,
- I hope some day you'll join us,
- and the world will be as one.
- Imagine no possesions,
- I wonder if you can,
- No need for greed or hunger,
- A brotherhood of man,
- Imagine all the people
- Sharing all the world...
- You may say I'm a dreamer,
- but I'm not the only one,
- I hope some day you'll join us,
- And the world will live as one.

