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## UN will halve poverty by 2015

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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World leaders have promised to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to halve global poverty and hunger. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the MDG meeting on September 20th. He asked all countries to try their hardest to help the world's poor. The promise to halve poverty was made 10 years ago. The goal then was to halve poverty by 2015. Mr Ban urged those at the meeting to focus on providing clean water and basic education. He said that "this is an achievement we can be proud of".

French President Nicolas Sarkozy made a speech about how the world was not keeping its promise. He said many countries were using the global financial crisis as an excuse not to give money, saying: "We have no right to shelter behind the economic crisis...We have so many millions suffering from AIDS...but they could be looked after." Bolivia's president Evo Morales asked world leaders to end the unfair global distribution of wealth. He said the biggest cause of poverty was rich countries not helping poor ones.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100921-poverty.html>

**Match the following phrases from the article.**

## Paragraph 1

- |                          |                |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| 1. World leaders have    | a. hardest     |
| 2. halve global poverty  | b. promised    |
| 3. try their             | c. be proud of |
| 4. help the world's      | d. education   |
| 5. basic                 | e. and hunger  |
| 6. an achievement we can | f. poor        |

## Paragraph 2

- |                           |                |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| 1. made                   | a. crisis      |
| 2. not keeping            | b. wealth      |
| 3. the global financial   | c. its promise |
| 4. millions suffering ... | d. of poverty  |
| 5. distribution of        | e. a speech    |
| 6. the biggest cause      | f. from AIDS   |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100921-poverty.html>

World leaders \_\_\_\_\_ meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to halve global \_\_\_\_\_. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the MDG meeting on September 20th. He asked all countries \_\_\_\_\_ help the world's poor. The promise to halve poverty was made 10 years ago. \_\_\_\_\_ to halve poverty by 2015. Mr Ban \_\_\_\_\_ meeting to focus on providing clean water and basic education. He said that "this \_\_\_\_\_ can be proud of".

French President Nicolas Sarkozy \_\_\_\_\_ how the world was not keeping its promise. He said many countries were using the global financial crisis \_\_\_\_\_ to give money, saying: "We have \_\_\_\_\_ behind the economic crisis...We have so many millions suffering from AIDS...but they could \_\_\_\_\_." Bolivia's president Evo Morales asked world \_\_\_\_\_ the unfair global distribution of wealth. He said the biggest cause of poverty was rich \_\_\_\_\_ poor ones.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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World leaders have promised to (1) \_\_\_\_ the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to halve global poverty and (2) \_\_\_\_\_. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the MDG meeting on September 20th. He asked all countries to try their (3) \_\_\_\_ to help the world's poor. The promise to halve poverty (4) \_\_\_\_ made 10 years ago. The goal then was to halve poverty by 2015. Mr Ban urged those at the meeting (5) \_\_\_\_ focus on providing clean water and basic education. He said that "this is an achievement we can be proud (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

French President Nicolas Sarkozy made a speech about how the world was not (7) \_\_\_\_ its promise. He said many countries were using the global financial crisis as an excuse (8) \_\_\_\_ to give money, saying: "We have no (9) \_\_\_\_ to shelter behind the economic crisis...We have so many millions suffering from AIDS...but they could be looked (10) \_\_\_\_\_." Bolivia's president Evo Morales asked world leaders to end the unfair global distribution of wealth. He said the biggest (11) \_\_\_\_ of poverty was rich countries not helping poor (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |             |             |             |
|-----|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 1.  | (a) meet    | (b) meeting | (c) met     |
| 2.  | (a) hungry  | (b) hungers | (c) hunger  |
| 3.  | (a) hardly  | (b) hardest | (c) hard    |
| 4.  | (a) was     | (b) is      | (c) will be |
| 5.  | (a) of      | (b) at      | (c) to      |
| 6.  | (a) to      | (b) of      | (c) at      |
| 7.  | (a) keeping | (b) keeps   | (c) kept    |
| 8.  | (a) don't   | (b) non     | (c) not     |
| 9.  | (a) wrong   | (b) left    | (c) right   |
| 10. | (a) before  | (b) after   | (c) then    |
| 11. | (a) cause   | (b) because | (c) case    |
| 12. | (a) twos    | (b) ones    | (c) threes  |

# SPELLING

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100921-poverty.html>

**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. leaders have pormdesi to meet
2. poverty and rgnueh
3. help the world's opro
4. providing lacne water
5. cabsi education
6. we can be rodpu

## Paragraph 2

7. made a hespce
8. keeping its rmeisop
9. global financial sciisr
10. srfgfieun from AIDS
11. the biggest aeucs
12. rich countries not pghneil

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100921-poverty.html>

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) looked after.” Bolivia’s president Evo Morales asked world leaders to end the unfair global distribution of
- ( ) water and basic education. He said that “this is an achievement we can be proud of”.
- ( ) then was to halve poverty by 2015. Mr Ban urged those at the meeting to focus on providing clean
- ( ) poverty and hunger. UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon opened the MDG meeting on September 20th. He asked all
- ( ) to shelter behind the economic crisis...We have so many millions suffering from AIDS...but they could be
- ( ) many countries were using the global financial crisis as an excuse not to give money, saying: "We have no right
- ( ) wealth. He said the biggest cause of poverty was rich countries not helping poor ones.
- ( ) French President Nicolas Sarkozy made a speech about how the world was not keeping its promise. He said
- ( **1** ) World leaders have promised to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to halve global
- ( ) countries to try their hardest to help the world’s poor. The promise to halve poverty was made 10 years ago. The goal

# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. poverty global Halve hunger and.

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2. hardest countries to He try asked their all.

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3. halve 2015 goal to by The was poverty then.

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4. clean providing on Focus water.

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5. proud This achievement be an can of is we.

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6. The promise its keeping not was world.

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7. financial crisis Using as the an global excuse.

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8. from many suffering AIDS So millions.

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9. wealth The global of unfair distribution.

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10. rich cause countries of poverty The was biggest.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# **WRITING**

From: <http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1009/100921-poverty.html>

**Write about poverty for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.**

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# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. POVERTY:** Search the Internet and find more information about the Millennium Development Goals. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about poverty. Include imaginary interviews with very poor and very rich people. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon. Ask him three questions about poverty. Give him three of your ideas on how to end poverty. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.