



# What Is A Global Citizen?

## Part 1

**A. Read these explanations of what a *global citizen* is. Check (✓) the four explanations you think are true.**

A global citizen is someone who ...

- 1. does things to make their local community a good place to live.
- 2. is interested in different countries and cultures and wants to learn about them.
- 3. has several passports and homes in different countries.
- 4. believes that all people should have things they need, such as food and clean water.
- 5. understands that humans need to take care of the environment because they share it.

**B. Read what these people say. Match the four explanations you checked from Activity A to the people (a-d).**



\_\_\_ I care about the planet. It's our home! I think it's important to take care of it. We need to do that for future generations—our children and grandchildren.

David, South Africa



\_\_\_ No one in the world should be hungry. I help at a food bank that gives food to people who need it. I also give money to charities who do work for hungry people around the world.

Helga, Sweden



\_\_\_ My dad's from Italy, and my mom is from Argentina, but I live in the US. I love learning about people from all over the world—their language, history, and food.

Marcella, US



\_\_\_ I started a school for children in my village and worked there for 10 years. It changed hundreds of children's lives.

Tuan, Australia

**C. Give examples of how the people in Activity B are global citizens. Discuss your ideas in pairs.**

**A:** I think Tuan is a global citizen because he helped children in his village.

**B:** I agree/disagree because ...




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Part 2

A. Identify the ways the three people below have helped different global communities. In pairs, discuss whose work could make the biggest change to your community.

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# Global Citizens



**Name:** Irmela Mensah-Schramm  
**From:** Stuttgart, Germany  
**Occupation:** Retired teacher  
**Story:** Irmela started covering negative graffiti 30 years ago. She didn't want young people to see words and pictures showing hate on the walls of the city. She tried to clean the graffiti, but it was very difficult. One of her students told her to paint a green heart, so that's what she did. Irmela and her students worked together to paint over each negative word or picture with a green heart.



**Name:** Adam Smith  
**From:** Leeds, England  
**Occupation:** founder of *The Real Junk Food Project*  
**Story:** Adam worked as a chef for 20 years and saw how much food people waste and put in the trash. He decided to open a store that takes food that supermarkets throw away and gives it to people who need it. Adam also opened a café where hungry people pay what they can afford for food and drink. The café sells healthy food that uses ingredients that were in the trash but are still safe to eat. Adam said in an interview that he believed there should be zero food waste and hunger.



**Name:** Robyn Rihanna Fenty  
**From:** Bridgetown, Barbados  
**Occupation:** Singer and creator of the *Clara Lionel Foundation*  
**Story:** Rihanna started the *Clara Lionel Foundation* in 2012. The name of the foundation comes from Rihanna's grandparents, Clara and Lionel. It helps people get better access to education and healthcare. There are 250 million children in the world who do not go to school. The foundation also helps people affected by natural disasters, such as hurricanes.

  
 trash store

  
 rubbish shop

B. Work in pairs. Choose the correct answers.

You can't be a good global citizen unless you...

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| 1. follow a set of rules from an organization such as the UN.         | YES / NO |
| 2. are famous.  | YES / NO |
| 3. travel all over the world meeting people from different countries. | YES / NO |
| 4. question the world around you.                                     | YES / NO |
| 5. listen to and respect other people and their opinions.             | YES / NO |
| 6. help make the world a better place.                                | YES / NO |
| 7. become a role model for other people to follow.                    | YES / NO |
| 8. help solve problems in lots of different countries.                | YES / NO |

C. Is it possible for everyone to be a global citizen? Do you think you are a global citizen? Why or why not?



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Part 3

A. Do you know what a food bank is? Look at the photo and read the definition. Are there food banks in your local area?



Food bank (noun)

A place where people or stores can give food to help people and families who need it. Sometimes the food goes to people in the local area and sometimes it goes to help people in other areas or countries.

B. Work in pairs. Look at the items and check (✓) the ones you think a food bank can use.



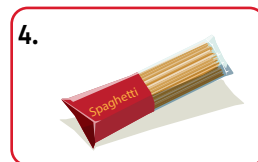
nuts



apples



homemade food



pasta



old or used food



tea and coffee



fruit juice



money



fresh milk



healthy cereal

C. Work in groups. Add any other items to the list that you think are suitable. Compare your ideas with other groups.

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D. Work in pairs. Follow the steps to find another way to help people.

Step 1: Do an internet search for FreeRice. Download the app.

Step 2: Use the app to do an English vocabulary quiz. For every correct answer, you win five grains of rice.

Step 3: Make a chart to see who gets the most correct answers.

Step 4: Ask family and friends to play.

Step 5: Find out more about how the free-rice campaign works by searching online.



### Extension

**A. You see this leaflet in a local café and you want to help. Read the leaflet and make notes of any ideas you have for the *Zero Hunger Food Project*. You can go online and look for ideas to help you.**



We need your help!

The UN says there are about 690 million people in the world who do not have enough to eat. We must do something to help! We are looking for young people aged 18–25 to help with our local *Zero Hunger Food Project*. Do you have any ideas for how we can make zero hunger happen? If so, we want to hear from you.

Email your ideas to us at [zerohunger@mylocal.com](mailto:zerohunger@mylocal.com) and we'll be in touch.

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**B. Work in groups. Share your ideas. Take a vote and write the ideas you like.**

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**C. Share your group's ideas with the rest of the class. Which ideas do you think are the best?**