



Secondary

Global Citizens

Part 1

A. Work in pairs. Student 1, read Text 1 and complete Form 1. Student 2, read Text 2 and complete Form 2. Then ask your partner questions to complete each other's form.



Text 1

Alex Scott was born in the USA in 1996. As a baby, she was very sick with a cancer called neuroblastoma. When Alex was four years old,

she decided to help other children with cancer. With her brother, she started a lemonade stand. Alex gave all of the money they made to projects for children's cancer. The first lemonade stand made \$2,000. Alex and her family decided to have an event every year. Alex made more than \$1 million, but unfortunately she died in 2004. Her family started a charity called *Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation*. The charity has made more than \$150 million to help children with cancer all around the world.

Form 1

What country is Alex Scott from?	
How old was she when she started her lemonade stand?	
What did the lemonade stand make money for?	
How much money has the <i>Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation</i> made?	
How does Alex Scott's family help people?	
A <i>global citizen</i> is a person who helps the world. In your opinion, are Alex Scott and her family global citizens? Why?	



Text 2

Kelvin Doe was born in Sierra Leone in 1996. At 11 years old, Kevin tried to help with some of the problems in his neighborhood. Electricity was one big problem, and his

neighborhood often did not have electricity for long periods of time. At 13, Kelvin made a battery from acid, soda, and metal. This battery was not expensive, and it helped people with no electricity. Kelvin made more things to help people, and he started his own radio station giving music and information. Kelvin Doe is now a very famous engineer. He explains his ideas about how to make things to help people in countries around the world.

Form 2

What country is Kelvin Doe from?	
How old was he when he made his battery?	
How did the battery help people?	
What does Kelvin do now?	
How does Kelvin Doe help people now?	
A <i>global citizen</i> is a person who helps the world. In your opinion, is Kelvin Doe a global citizen? Why?	



Part 2

A. Read the article. Then choose F (Fact) or O (Opinion) for each statement below.



Teens Help Lonely Seniors

By Susan Jensen

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Two teenagers are doing very important work in our community. Their organization is called *Teens and Seniors*, and they volunteer at nursing homes for seniors, or older adults. The organization began three years ago when Valerie Ramos and Sam Stevens did a school project. The project was about the lives of seniors in American nursing homes. After the project, they decided to volunteer, or help, at nursing homes in the community. They asked other teenagers to help them. I interviewed Valerie and Sam to learn more about *Teens and Seniors*. Here is part of the interview:

Susan: What is the biggest problem for seniors in nursing homes?

Valerie: In our opinion, the biggest problem is loneliness. They don't have friends or family nearby. According to the National Institutes of Health, 40% of senior citizens in nursing homes are lonely.

Sam: We wanted to help, so we started a website called *Teens and Seniors*. The website is for teenagers with free time who want to help. It plans their visits to nursing homes for lonely senior citizens.

Susan: Were a lot of teens interested?

Valerie: Yes! It was great! We started the website last year, and now we have about 40 volunteers. You can check that on our website. There are a lot of teens from our school, but teens from other cities are also emailing us. Our next plan is to contact schools in other countries to help them start websites like *Teens and Seniors*. We believe that loneliness is a global problem. Those websites can help senior citizens across the world!

There are five nursing homes in our community, with about 650 seniors. We think Valerie and Sam's website, *Teens and Seniors*, is making seniors' lives better!

- 1. A group of teenagers is doing very important work in our community. F / O
- 2. In our opinion, the biggest problem is loneliness. F / O
- 3. According to the National Institutes of Health, 40% of senior citizens in nursing homes are lonely. F / O
- 4. ... now we have about 40 volunteers. You can check that on our website. F / O
- 5. We believe that loneliness is a global problem. Those websites can help senior citizens across the world! F / O
- 6. There are five nursing homes in our community, with about 650 seniors. F / O
- 7. We think Valerie and Sam's website, *Teens and Seniors*, is making seniors' lives better! F / O



Part 3

A. Read the blog post. Then answer and discuss the questions as a class.

People We Admire



Name: Paul Martin
Problem: plastic trash
Project: plastic trash recycling

Trash is a very big problem in the world today, and the worst kind of trash is plastic. According to the United Nations, there are about 300 more tons of plastic trash in the world every year. People throw away plastic bags, plastic bottles, plastic toys, and many other types of plastic items.

We do not have a recycling service in our city, so all of the plastic goes into the trash. Paul Martin, a student at River High School, talked to the school principal about the problem. The school put large boxes near the street, and people put their plastic trash in the boxes. Paul's parents use their truck to take the plastic to a recycling center in another town.

River High School and the Martin family are doing a great job, but they can't collect all of the plastic trash in the city. Paul is asking students and principals at other schools to help with the project. He also has a website that asks students in other cities and countries to help with the problem of plastic trash. See how just one person can help with a global problem! How can you help?



high school principal trash



secondary school head teacher rubbish

1. Why is plastic a big problem? _____
2. Why is plastic trash a problem in Paul's town? _____
3. How does Paul's school help with the problem? _____
4. How do Paul's parents help? _____
5. In your opinion, is Paul a global citizen? Why? _____

B. Think of a person who is helping with a global problem. It can be a famous person or someone you know. Answer the questions. Then write a short summary of how the person is helping with the problem.

- What is the name of the person?

- What does the problem concern?

- Who is helping with the problem now?

- How is this person helping?

Name: _____

Problem: _____

Project: _____



Extension

A. Work in groups. Choose one student to be a note-taker, one to be a time-keeper, and one to be the discussion leader. Think of a global problem that teenagers can help with. Answer the questions.

1. What does the problem concern?
 - a senior citizens
 - b teenagers
 - c children
 - d animals
 - e the environment
 - f other: _____
2. What people or organizations are helping solve this global problem now?

3. How can teenagers help with this problem?

B. Write a short summary using the answers from A.

C. Answer the questions about how your group worked together. Did you all have the same answers?

1. Everyone did their roles. **yes / no**
2. We all had a chance to speak. **yes / no**
3. We listened to everyone's ideas. **yes / no**