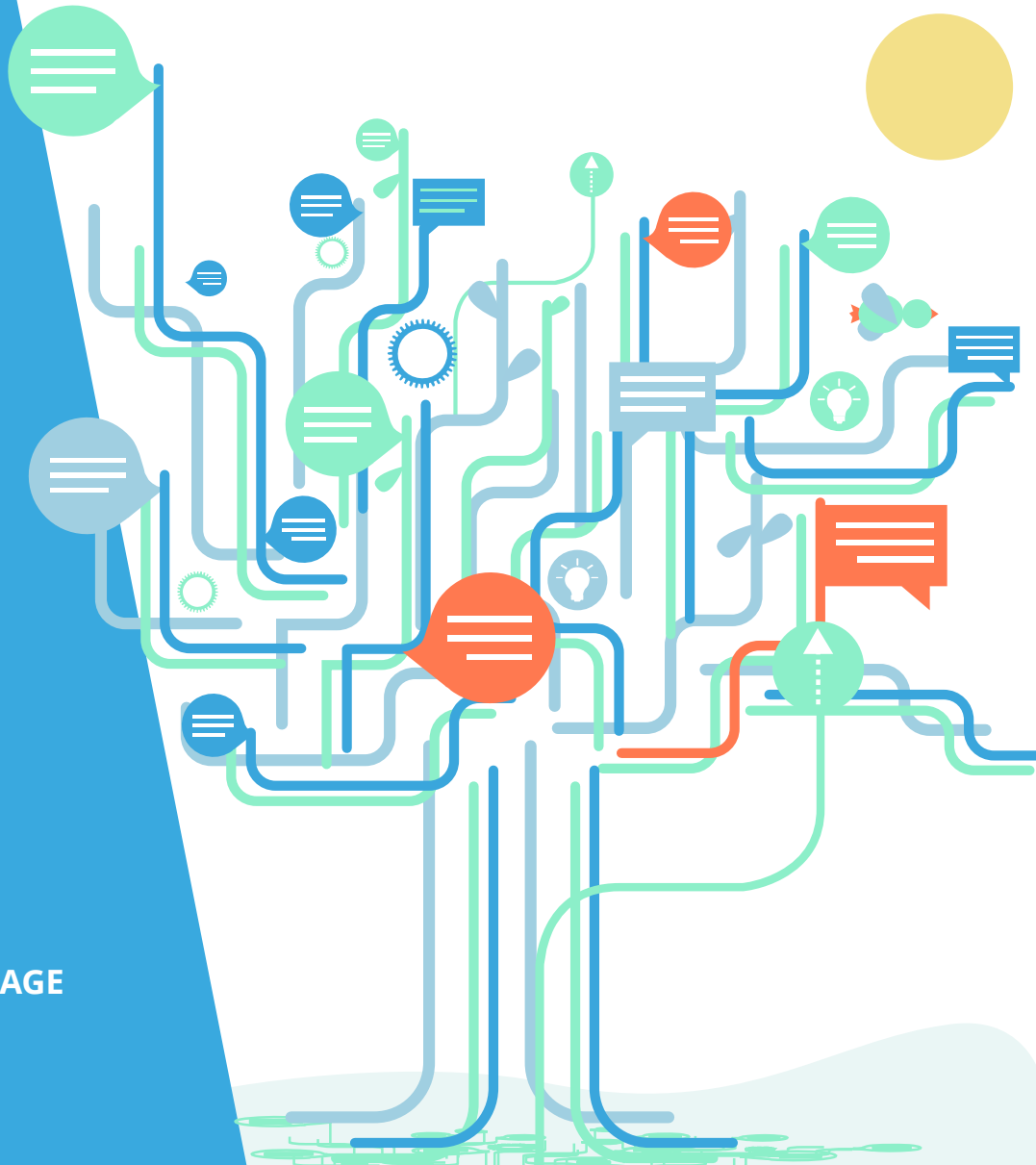


What should we do?

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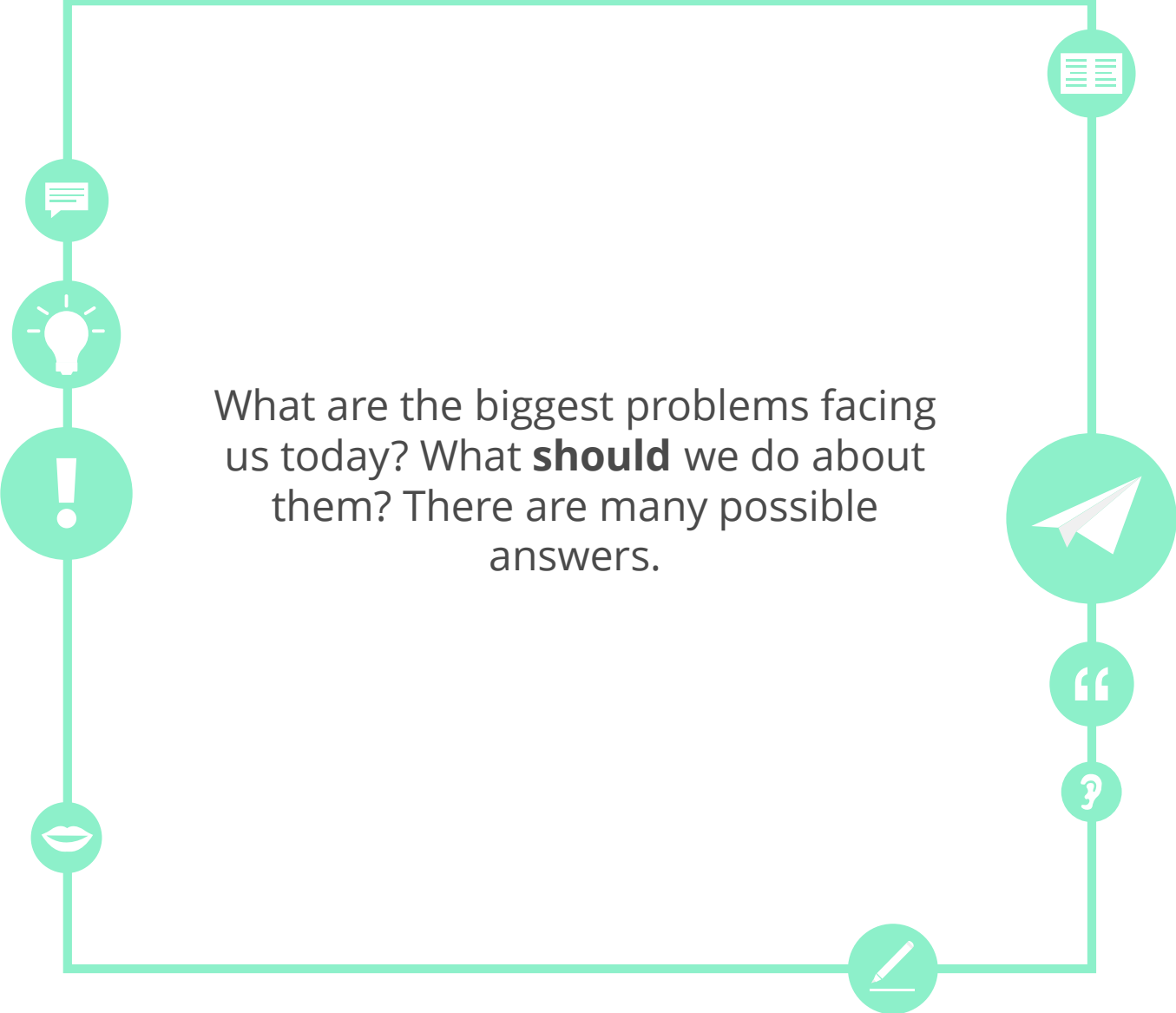




Goals

- Can make simple speculations as to the causes of a range of societal problems.
- Can use modal verbs to make suggestions and express a simple opinion.





What are the biggest problems facing us today? What **should** we do about them? There are many possible answers.



Review of modal verbs

Modal verbs like **could** and **should** are used to talk about possibilities in the future. You can use them to talk about your suggestions or solutions to problems. **Might** is also used to talk about possible events.

Need to and **have to** are more direct – they describe things that **must** be done.

Examples

We **could** start volunteering at the weekends.

We **have to** have clean air and water.

We **should** exercise more often.

We **need to** eat food to survive.

We **might** need to make a change.





Modal verbs and the infinitive

- Use **need to** and **have to** + **bare infinitive** to express obligation, or things you should do.
- **Should, could,** and **might** describe possibilities or suggestions for the future. These verbs are used with the **bare infinitive** (no **to**)

We need to...	change.
We have to...	do this.
We should...	take care of the environment.
We could...	give money to a charity.
We might...	help lots of people.





Place the text in the correct order

1

2

3

4

A

Some people today have lots of money and resources, but others do not. This inequality is a large global concern.

B

At the same time, there are many people who do not have enough food. Global hunger is a large concern that is getting worse.

C

It is important to vote in order to solve these issues. Politicians can make rules that help poor people get access to food.

D

Obesity is a big problem in many rich countries. If you have lots of money, it is easier to eat unhealthy foods.



What do the pictures show?

A



B



C



D



pollution



Pollution can be a problem in many big cities.

hunger



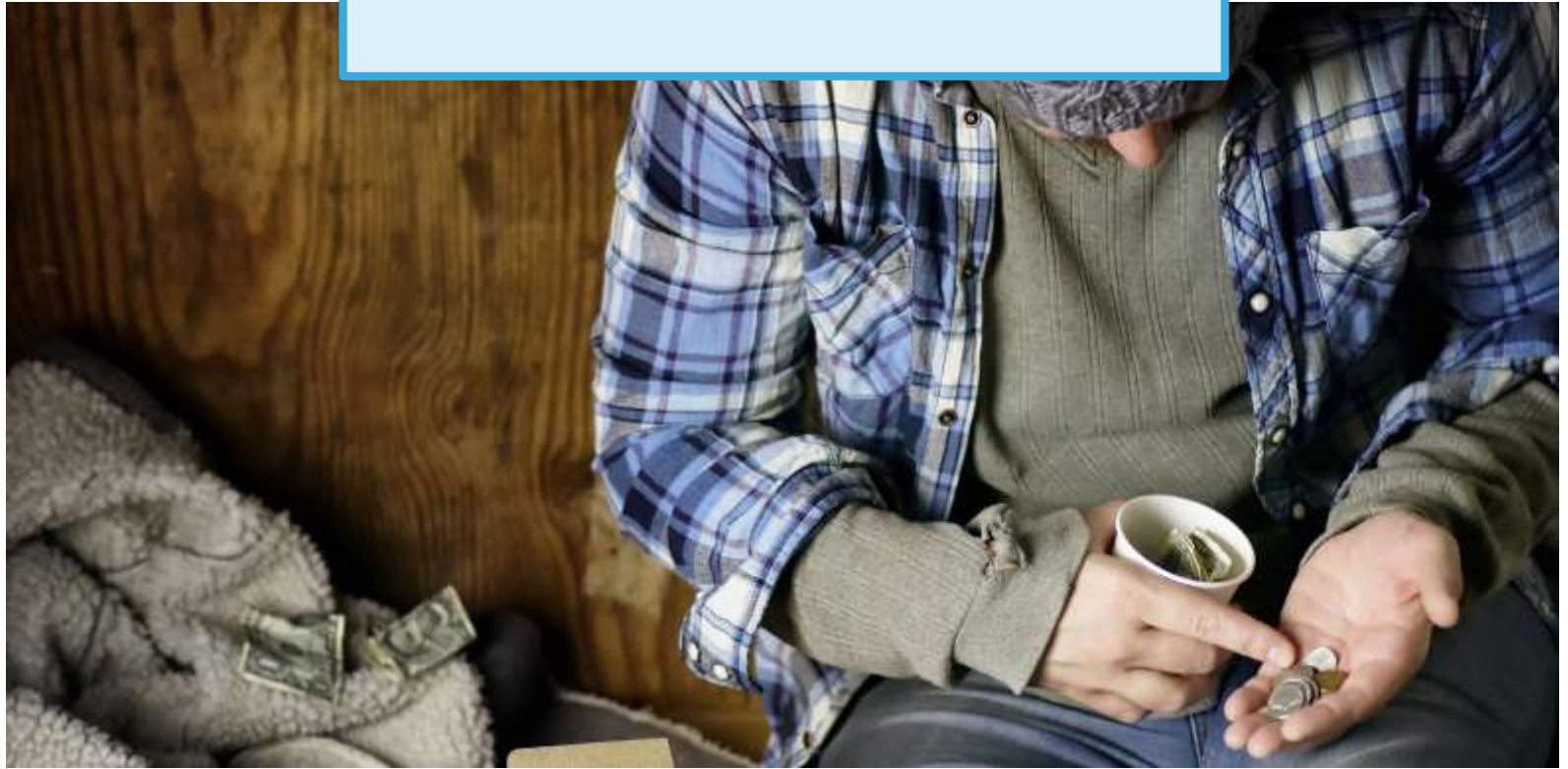
Hunger is one of the most important issues.

voting



Voting allows people to choose their government.

homelessness



Homelessness is when people do not have a permanent place to live.

obesity



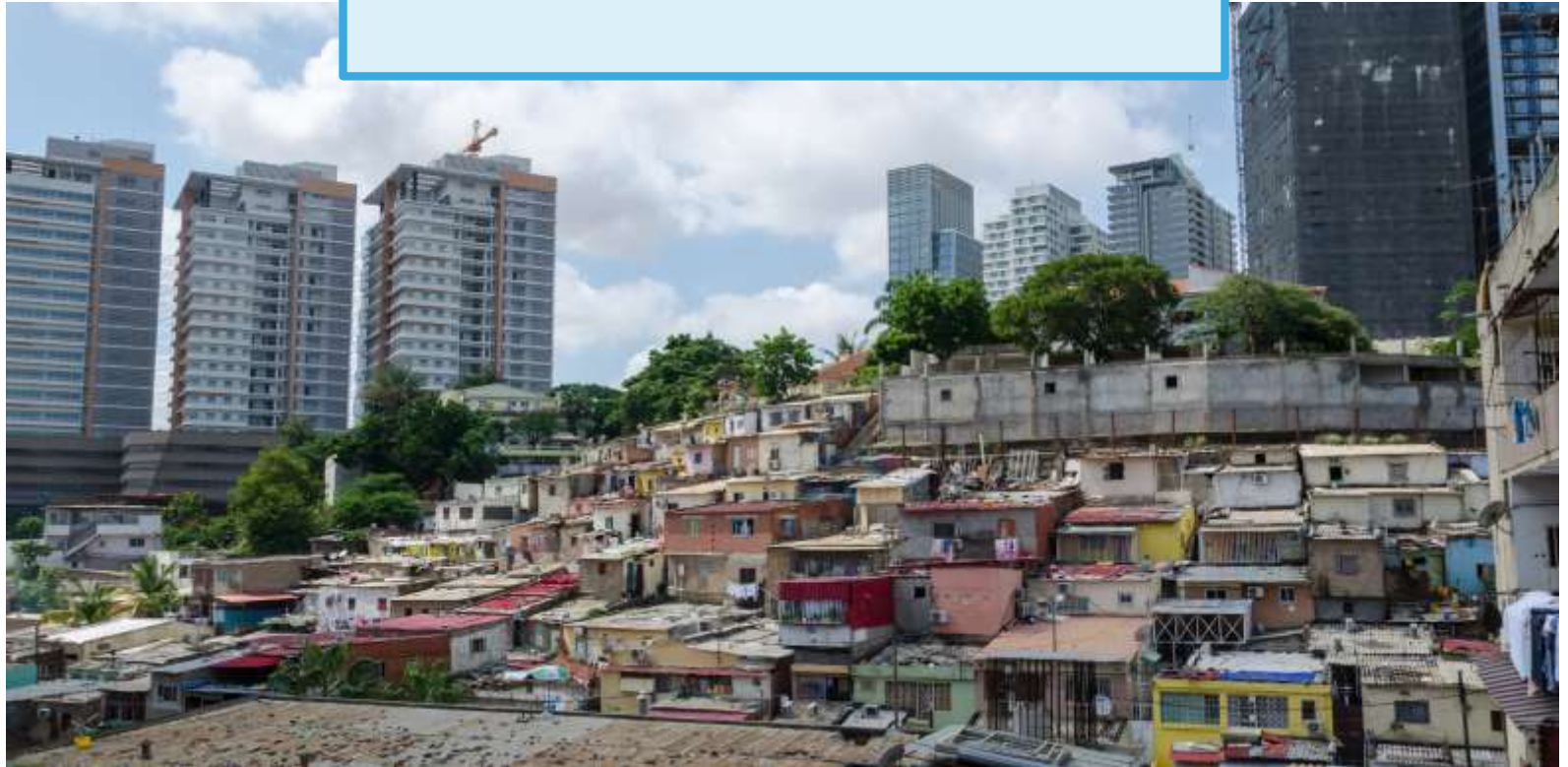
Obesity is caused by eating too much food and not exercising enough.

global warming



Global warming means temperatures are rising.

inequality



When some people are very rich and others are very poor, there is **inequality**.



Vocabulary about global issues



Inequality is when people are not treated the same.

There are programmes in the city to help **homeless** people.



Global warming will cause many problems in the future.

Obesity is a big problem only in some countries.





Vocabulary about global issues



Which is a bigger health issue, **obesity** or **hunger**?

What can countries do to stop **global warming**?



There is economic and social **inequality** in my country.

I need **to vote** to give my opinion.





Complete the sentences

Using vocabulary from the lesson, or your own ideas, complete the sentences so they are true for you.

1. _____ is the most important issue in my country.
2. I think it is possible to solve _____ in my lifetime.
3. _____ is mostly caused by _____.
4. I think _____ will be the most important issue in 100 years.



Which issues are the most important for you? The least important?

homelessness

pollution

obesity

inequality

global warming

poverty



Describe the pictures

Compare the two pictures below.
What ideas do they show? Are they related or not related?





Talking about problems and their causes

You can talk about the possible causes of a problem with **could be** or **might be**. This could be followed by an **adjective** (it could be **cheaper**), a **verb + ing** (we could be **helping**, they could be **working**), or even a **noun** (there might be **a way**).

Examples

The temperature of the Earth could be warmer in the future.

It could be caused by global warming.

This could be because of humans.

We could be working on a new solution.

There might be a way to stop it.





Talking about problems and their solutions



- Make your argument stronger by using **adverbs** and **comparative adjectives**.
- **Adverbs** modify verbs. Example: We need to help **quickly**.
- **Comparative adjectives** modify nouns. Example: Healthcare should be more affordable than it is now.

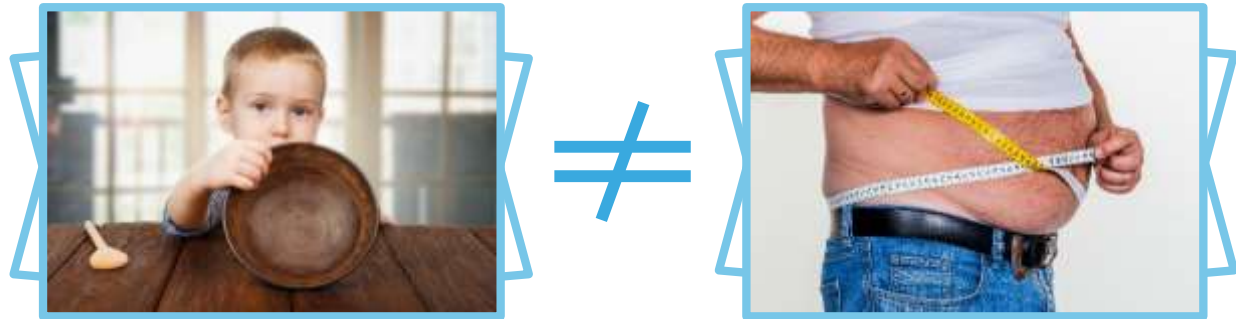
adverbs	comparative adjectives
quickly	easier
easily	more sustainable
hardly	cheaper, more affordable
really	healthier
urgently	better





Opposites

Describe the diagrams below using full sentences.





Describe the picture

Think about the issue shown below. Think of at least one cause and one solution to the problem below.



Cause

Solution



Free talk

Respond to one of the sentences below.

Voting is not a good way to solve global problems.

Pollution is not a very important problem.

There is no way to make the world a better place.



Speaking game

■ What should we do to make the world a better place? Complete the sentences below with your own ideas.



I think there should be...

I think people need to...

To make the world better, I could...

To make the world better, countries could...

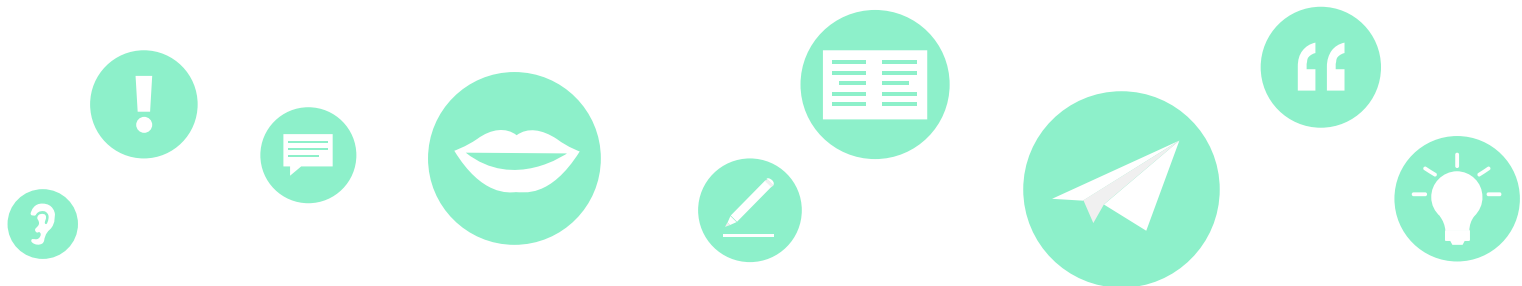


Reflect on the goals

Go back to the second slide of the lesson and check if you have achieved all the goals of the lesson.

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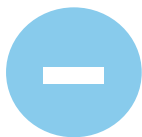




Reflect on this lesson

Think about everything you have seen in this lesson.
What were the most difficult activities or words? The easiest?



If you have time, go over
the most difficult slides again



Answer key

Exercise p. 6
1a, 2d, 3b, 4c

Exercise p. 7

A. inequality, B. hunger, C. voting, D. obesity

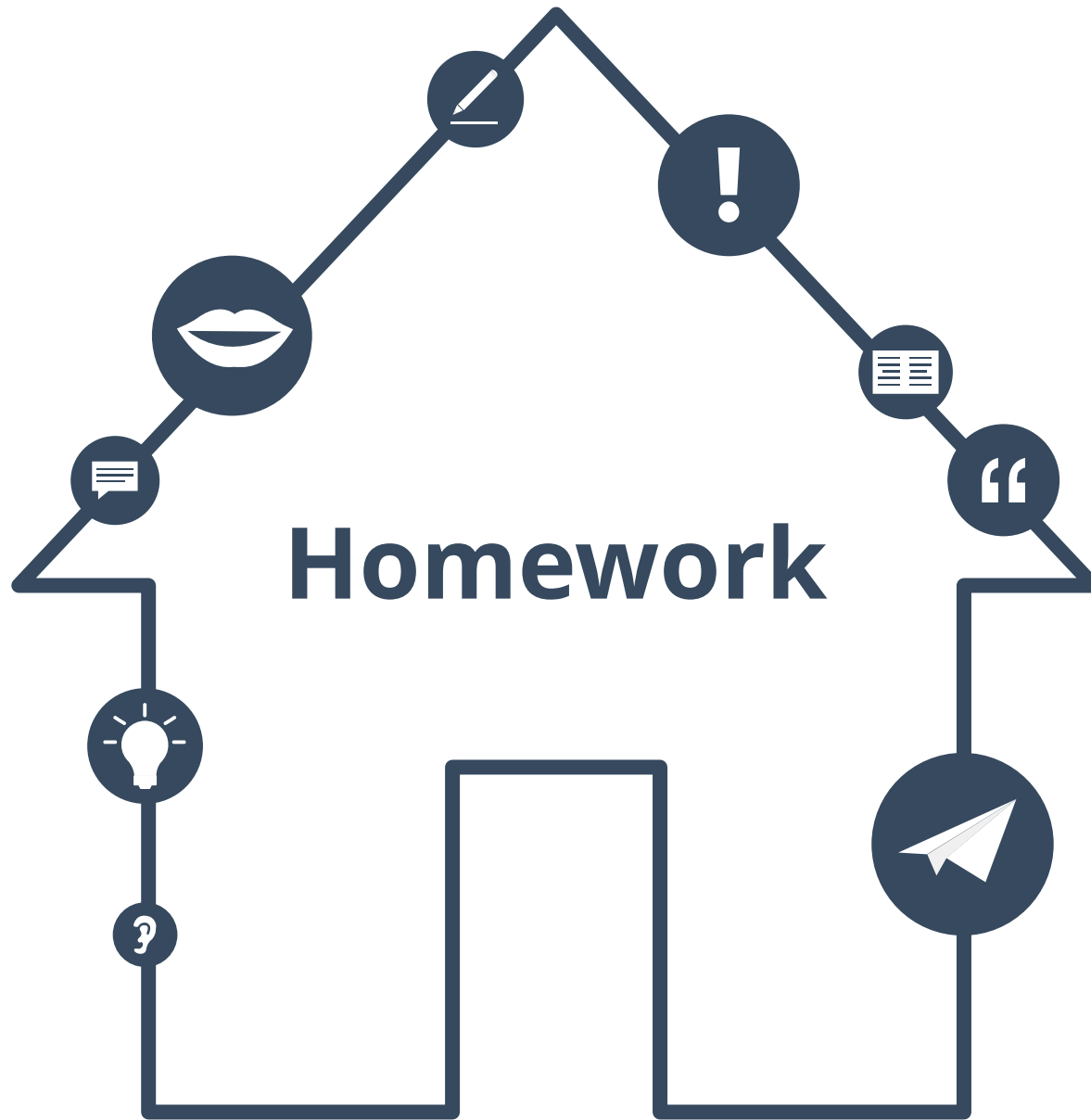
Exercise p. 22

Possible answers:

Emaciation is the opposite of obesity.

Hunger is the opposite of having too much food. (gluttony)
Homelessness is not having a permanent home.

Poor is the opposite of rich.





Homework

Complete the sentences so they are true for you.

1. I think that the most important issue for the future is _____.
2. People can _____ if they want to solve this problem.
3. I think that the world needs more _____.
4. People should _____ more often.



Make flashcards

Make flashcards out of paper and copy down four words or phrases from this lesson that are hard for you.





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