

# Global Problems

A. Using the Across and Down clues, write the correct words in the numbered grid below.

## ACROSS

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18. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a large mass of snow that falls down the side of a mountain.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ is the fact that people who want jobs cannot get them.
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## DOWN

1. \_\_\_\_\_ refers to changes in the earth's climate, especially the gradual rise in temperature caused by high levels of carbon dioxide and other gases.
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6. An \_\_\_\_\_ is a shaking of the ground caused by movement of the Earth's crust.
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ of a disaster, accident, or illness is someone who continues to live afterwards in spite of coming close to death.
10. A \_\_\_\_\_ is a large amount of earth and rocks falling down a cliff or the side of a mountain.
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13. \_\_\_\_\_ is poisonous or dirty substances that are polluting the water, air, or land somewhere.
16. If there is a \_\_\_\_\_ of something, there is not enough of it or it does not exist at all.

22. \_\_\_\_\_s are people who have been forced to leave their homes or their country, either because there is a war there or because of their political or religious beliefs.
23. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an extremely violent wind or storm, usually faster than 120Km/h.
24. \_\_\_\_\_ is behavior which is intended to hurt, injure, or kill people.

B. Find the hidden words. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. When you locate a word, draw a circle around it.

K	S	D	C	L	T	E	R	R	O	R	I	S	M	L	A	C	K	R	S
S	Y	L	U	K	F	L	C	X	H	M	I	G	R	A	N	T	C	W	Y
K	X	I	V	I	N	A	A	U	I	E	V	C	L	D	M	D	Y	C	E
Q	O	N	V	F	O	N	S	H	A	H	D	H	E	U	R	E	I	O	A
F	A	M	I	N	E	D	U	W	H	Q	P	H	X	U	Z	P	R	R	P
E	F	I	O	Z	P	S	A	D	U	J	S	P	P	N	I	I	E	R	O
D	L	M	L	X	Q	L	L	R	R	I	N	W	L	E	Z	D	F	U	L
V	O	R	E	L	A	I	T	O	R	H	T	E	O	M	P	E	U	P	L
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C	L	V	E	N	Y	N	Q	H	A	E	B	B	O	O	E	C	E	O	I
A	X	X	L	U	L	C	R	T	N	P	I	E	N	Y	D	F	H	N	O
N	S	C	B	A	Y	P	B	L	E	Y	W	I	I	M	X	E	C	I	N
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T	C	L	I	M	A	T	E	C	H	A	N	G	E	N	V	V	G	P	S
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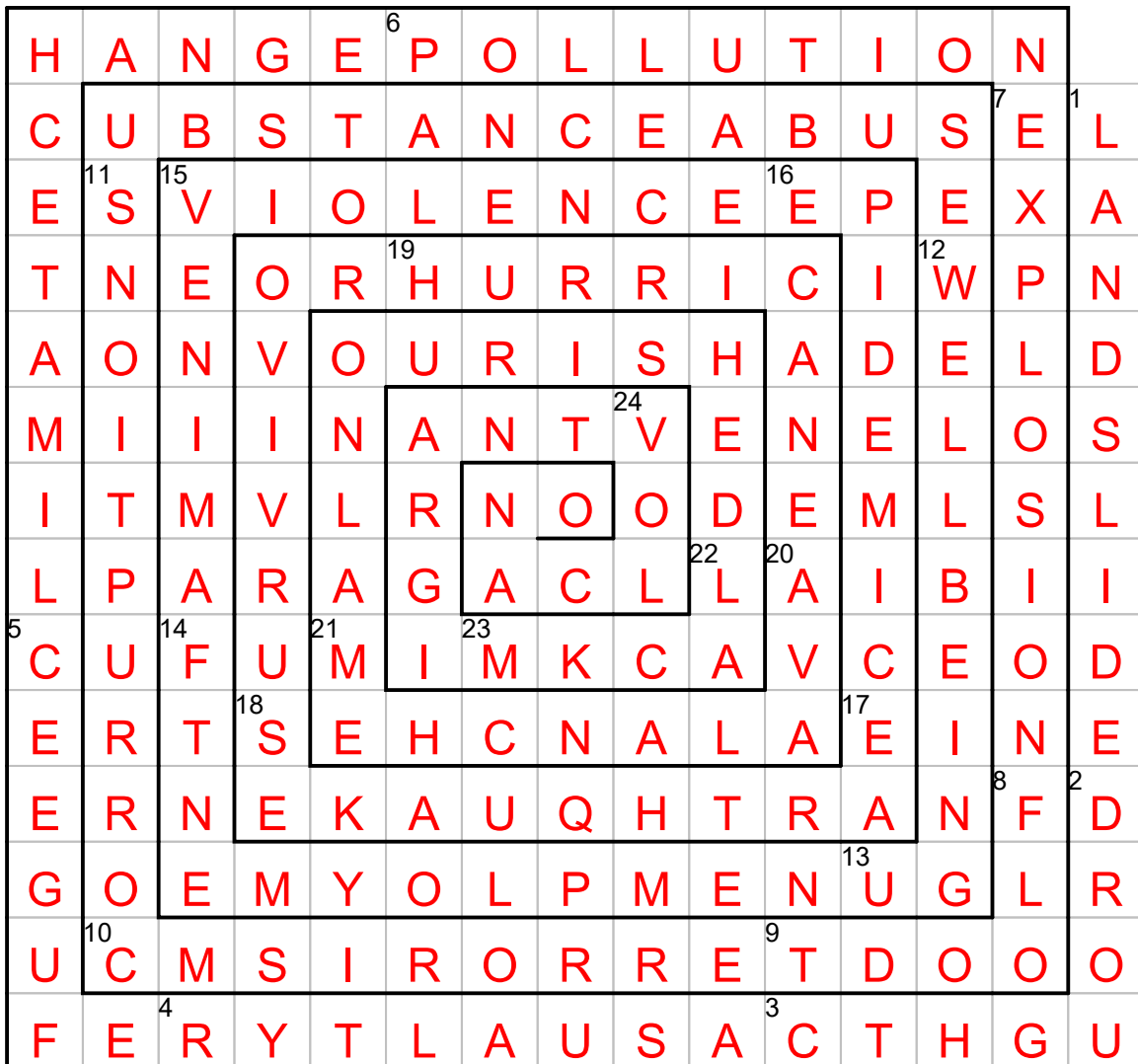
violence  
 landslide  
 earthquake  
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survivor  
 malnourished  
 drought  
 hurricane  
 climate change  
 corruption

famine  
 avalanche  
 flood  
 lack  
 casualty  
 unemployment

explosion  
 volcano  
 well being  
 substance abuse  
 migrant  
 pollution

C. Numbered clues appear below the spiral grid. Determine the word that matches the clue, and write that word in the spiral puzzle. The word does not overlap with the next word (marked by the next number) and it must be written in the correct direction (from a lower numbered space to a higher numbered space).



1. In economic terms, \_\_\_\_\_s pose immense hazards, even on the seemingly insignificant scale of a motorway embankment failure.
2. That phenomenal spell of weather was called the Great Heat and came after a stifling hot summer and long \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The rebels were taking heavy \_\_\_\_\_es too.
4. War \_\_\_\_\_s have grit.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ through the man-made modification of greenhouse gases might be disastrous, but it might equally be deliverance.
6. Recycling also helps control environmental \_\_\_\_\_ by reducing the need for waste dumps.
7. Even modest-sized nuclear \_\_\_\_\_s can have effects detectable over intercontinental distances.
8. Silence, then the trickle at once became a small \_\_\_\_\_ of words.
9. Senior politicians were quick to say the explosion was not connected to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. The other is a weary skepticism that senior officials who have been charged with \_\_\_\_\_ will get away with it and avoid conviction.

11. The federal war on drugs is the worst way to deal with \_\_\_\_\_ in this country.
12. This sense of inner \_\_\_\_\_ influences our health and the way we perceive ourselves.
13. Rising \_\_\_\_\_ has also forced many more homeowners into mortgage difficulties as they struggle to meet their monthly repayments.
14. United Nations experts say as many as four million people are facing \_\_\_\_\_ after a severe drought and crop failure.
15. The charity reported a sharp rise in alerts about youngsters suffering or witnessing physical \_\_\_\_\_ and emotional abuse in the home.
16. Some bestselling yoghurts may be sold in smaller pots or have their sugar content cut as the health watchdog tries to tackle the obesity \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Nonetheless, engineers are confident enough to build high towers within \_\_\_\_\_ zones.
18. A hundred thousand people a month are dying of cold and starvation, and \_\_\_\_\_ s live like shivering, scavenging wolves.
19. The transition from a powerful tropical storm to a \_\_\_\_\_ can occur very rapidly, surprisingly so at times.
20. He's unable to do either without triggering an \_\_\_\_\_ of disasters.
21. Some can no longer afford to care for their horses, and leave them abandoned, sick and \_\_\_\_\_.
22. The charges were dropped for \_\_\_\_\_ of evidence.
23. The government divides asylum-seekers into economic \_\_\_\_\_s and genuine refugees.
24. Twenty miles off the south-east coast of this island there is an active \_\_\_\_\_ still hidden beneath the sea.

D. Choose the best option that completes the sentences below:

1. a \_\_\_\_\_ is the habit of taking too many illegal drugs, in a way that harms your health.  
a.substance abuse b.epidemic c.casualty d.violence
2. c The fine was for the company's \_\_\_\_\_ of the air near its plants.  
a.survivor b.volcano c.pollution d.casualty
3. c Distribution of food throughout the country is being hampered by inefficiency and \_\_\_\_\_.  
a.climate change b.survivor c.corruption d.unemployment
4. a Despite his \_\_\_\_\_ of experience, he got the job.  
a.lack b.casualty c.earthquake d.survivor
5. a The effects of an earthquake can be felt hundreds of miles from the epicenter and are powerful enough to wake dormant \_\_\_\_\_ es.  
a.volcano b.earthquake c.avalanche d.pollution
6. a The bomb explosion was one of the worst acts of \_\_\_\_\_ that the country had experienced in recent years.  
a.terrorism b.unemployment c.malnourished d.earthquake
7. a Sadly it was all destroyed by an \_\_\_\_\_ 1,500 years ago and the rubble was carted off by Ottoman invaders to build houses.  
a.earthquake b.epidemic c.famine d.terrorism
8. b They had often just been left at the roadside and were \_\_\_\_\_ and sick.  
a.landslide b.malnourished c.well being d.flood
9. b His work emphasized the emotional as well as the physical \_\_\_\_\_ of children.  
a.avalanche b.well being c.unemployment d.corruption
10. a Many \_\_\_\_\_ workers can afford to return home only once a year.  
a.migrant b.climate change c.malnourished d.survivor
11. a A severe \_\_\_\_\_ has caused most of the corn crop to fail.  
a.drought b.violence c.refugee d.migrant
12. b He said that for most \_\_\_\_\_ s fleeing their homeland was not about seeking better jobs but 'a question of life or death'.  
a.flood b.refugee c.lack d.corruption
13. a Wars that killed more through \_\_\_\_\_ and hunger than through actual conflict.  
a.famine b.flood c.casualty d.survivor
14. d In recent years its nine million population has been battered by storms and \_\_\_\_\_ s.  
a.unemployment b.landslide c.migrant d.hurricane
15. b It is true that the temperature of the Earth changed in the past, but most scientists believe that \_\_\_\_\_ today is happening because of the way people live.  
a.explosion b.climate change c.lack d.corruption

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16. d There is a high risk of \_\_\_\_\_ in the area because the snow layer is weak, so people need to be especially careful.  
a.drought b.substance abuse c.terrorism d.avalanche
17. a Troops fired on demonstrators near the Royal Palace causing many \_\_\_\_\_ es.  
a.casualty b.explosion c.earthquake d.malnourished
18. a Too many people fail to take male domestic \_\_\_\_\_ seriously.  
a.violence b.landslide c.migrant d.drought
19. c More than 70 people were killed in the \_\_\_\_\_s, caused when a dam burst.  
a.explosion b.malnourished c.flood d.corruption
20. b As greater proportions of forest are lost, landscapes become more vulnerable to severe \_\_\_\_\_s during periods of intense rain.  
a.earthquake b.landslide c.avalanche d.refugee
21. a The force of the \_\_\_\_\_ could have blown him out into the sea.  
a.explosion b.pollution c.earthquake d.unemployment
22. c AIDS has become an \_\_\_\_\_ in some countries.  
a.casualty b.flood c.epidemic d.lack
23. d Total \_\_\_\_\_ is forecast to continue rising to a peak of three million next year.  
a.corruption b.earthquake c.well being d.unemployment
24. b Officials said there were no \_\_\_\_\_s of the plane crash.  
a.violence b.survivor c.earthquake d.drought

E. Print the words from the list in the empty boxes. The shape of the word must match the shape of the boxes.

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15. c l i m a t e c h a n g e

16. v i o l e n c e

17. c o r r u p t i o n

18. t e r r o r i s m

19. f l o o d

20. h u r r i c a n e

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