

● What is a society? Can you give some examples of different societies?

A society is a group of people who are connected in some way. It can be people who share the same location / customs / language. All of the people in a city / a town / a country / the world are considered members of society.

● What are some of the benefits of society?

Being part of a society / community makes people feel accepted / comfortable / gives you a sense of identity. A society can build roads / buildings / infrastructure to make life easier. A strong society can help to keep people safe / provide food / shelter / education / take care of people who need help / its weakest members.

● What are some common problems that societies might face?

In some communities there may be poverty / hunger / homelessness / overpopulation / a lack of education / opportunity. Societies might also have problems with drug abuse / corruption / terrorism / a lack of respect for the law. Some societies struggle with oppression when many people don't have a voice / say in how / which decisions are made. In modern / industrialized societies you might find problems like pollution / racism / discrimination / income inequality / a large gap between the rich and the poor. In large societies there are often minorities, smaller groups of people with a different colour of skin / who follow a different religion / who are different in some way from the majority and have a difficult time being accepted. They may be treated badly / attacked / silenced by the majority / the media or even have fewer rights. When one part of a society is oppressed by another part, the situation might become violent / dangerous. It can even turn into civil war, which can mean the end of the society.

● How can societies solve these problems?

People can create / support groups / political parties / non-profit organizations / charities that raise money / change laws to help people in need / feed the hungry / improve education / health care / stop oppression of minorities. They can peacefully protest / march in the streets to spread their message. In my opinion, people should never use violence to get what they want / sometimes violence is necessary for change.

● How do you think technology has changed / affected society?

- ▶ In my opinion / I think that technology has changed / influenced society for the better / in a positive way. People are more connected /

can share information / know other people / have friends all around the world. It has also made companies / factories faster / more efficient / productive.

- ▶ I believe that technology has been terrible for society. People are obsessed with / care too much about their phones / computers / online presence / social media. Online connections aren't as genuine / real as offline friendships / relationships. People are also getting lazier / becoming fat / obese. Technology is damaging our environment / food / planet.

● What are some things that have an influence on society?

Your nationality / race has an influence / effect on what kind of society you live in. In some areas, religion / churches can strongly influence societal norms / what people think is normal / acceptable behaviour. Politics / governments obviously have an impact on the laws / rules of different societies. The largest influence / impact on a society comes from the media / other people / members / societal pressure / peer pressure. I think that / In my opinion, the media / newspapers / magazines / movies / music / the internet has a strong / some / very little influence over society and how people think / act.

● What is it like to be a teenager in today's society?

I have a lot of opportunities to travel / go to university / get a good job. I have more / less money / freedom / fun than my parents had when they were teenagers. I like to share photos / updates online about my life with my friends / I prefer to keep things private. I have a lot of stress in my life / there is a lot of pressure to get a good job / do something important / live up to my parents' expectations. Most people my age know a lot about the world / only think about themselves.

● What are some things you can do to be a good member of society?

You should be good / kind to other people / members of society / your neighbours. If you are healthy / able to work, you should get a job / volunteer / contribute to society. Scientists / inventors / entrepreneurs can improve a society through innovation / new ideas. You should obey / follow all of the laws / customs / unwritten rules of your society. If your society is unjust / unfair, you should protest / vote for new laws / do something to change it / fight for equality / justice. You shouldn't be lazy / take advantage of people / benefits / social systems. I believe that every society is different / all people are generally / basically the same.

