

## What is Globalization?

A) Read the accompanying sheet "Ten Basic Questions about Globalization". Then ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1. What is globalization?
2. What has led to increased globalization?
3. What are some positive effects of globalization?
4. How does trade benefit countries?
5. What are some negative effects of globalization?
6. What do the IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO do?
7. What are some effects of multinational businesses?
8. What is outsourcing?

B) Listen and repeat. Shadow with a partner.

Globalization is the process of international integration arising from the interchange of world views, products, ideas, and other aspects of culture.

The IMF identified four basic aspects of globalization: trade and transactions, capital and investment movements, migration and movement of people, and the dissemination of knowledge.

C) Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

1. What do you think of Starbucks or McDonalds presence in your country?
2. What do you think of their presence in poorer countries?
3. Do you think you should buy Japanese products before other countries products?
4. Do you think globalization is imperialism of rich nations? Explain.
5. Do you think globalization will lead to more or less peace? Explain.
6. Do you think it is possible to stop globalization? How?

D) Read and respond to the following two quotes.

"Globalization, as defined by rich people like us, is a very nice thing... you are talking about the Internet, you are talking about cell phones, you are talking about computers. This doesn't affect two-thirds of the people of the world."  
(Jimmy Carter, President of the United States 1977-1981)

Where globalization means, as it so often does, that the rich and powerful now have new means to further enrich and empower themselves at the cost of the poorer and weaker, we have a responsibility to protest in the name of universal freedom. (Nelson Mandela, President of South Africa 1994-1999)

E) What do you think of globalization? Write your statement and read it to a partner.

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