

A Sustainable Society

How can we live, work and develop our society in a sustainable way? According to the UN, sustainable development is how we must live today if we want a better tomorrow, by meeting present needs without compromising the chances of future generations to meet their needs. ¹



Preparation

Read the instructions for **Part 1** and **Part 2**.

For **Part 1** you have received a card. Read your card and prepare to tell your partner about it.

Part 1 – Inform and Discuss

A In your own words, tell your partner about your card.

- What is your card about?
- In what ways can the example described on your card relate to a sustainable society?
- What is your reaction to the information on your card?

B Discuss your card briefly with your partner.

¹ <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/blog/2023/08/what-is-sustainable-development/>

Part 2 – Discuss

Together with your partner, choose topics from at least **two or three** of the boxes and discuss some of the questions below **with regard to a sustainable society**.

Employment

Wages and conditions
Job security

Equal Opportunities

Distribution of resources
Education
Human rights

Natural Resources

Renewable vs.
non-renewable
Recycling

Health

Physical activity
Sleep
Food

- How close are we to a sustainable society today?
- What changes are most important to focus on today?
What actions should be taken?
- Who is responsible for making sure these changes happen – individuals, businesses, lawmakers or society as a whole?
- What effects will these changes have on you as an individual and/or on society as a whole?

Climate Change

Global warming
Natural disasters

Quality of Life

Working hours
Family life
Stress

Trade

Growth/Market forces
Over-consumption
Conscious consumers

Pollution

Air, water and soil
Chemicals and pesticides