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**Unit 1: Youth unemployment**

**1. Reading**

A new report says the number of young people without a job is still very high in many countries. There are currently 73 million people around the world aged 15-24 who want to work but cannot find a job. The International Labour Organization (ILO) said that although youth unemployment is coming down in rich countries, it is rising in most of Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Brazil. The youth unemployment rate in China increased from 9.3 per cent in 2010 to 10.6 per cent last year. Economists say it will be 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the figure for youth unemployment was 14 per cent at the beginning of this year, but is now almost 16 per cent. The ILO warns that youth unemployment worldwide is set to rise.

The ILO said it is difficult for many young people who are looking for work. It said: "It's still not easy to be young and starting out in today's labour market." It is particularly bad for many young women. The highest rate of youth unemployment around the world is for women in the Middle East and North Africa. This figure is around 45 per cent. There are many reasons for the gloomy figures for youth unemployment. One major factor is the global financial collapse of 2008. Many countries have still not recovered from that. The ILO says youth unemployment is not just important for a country's economy. It also affects health, social unrest and levels of people's happiness.

**WARM-UPS**

1. UNEMPLOYMENT: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about unemployment. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

report / number / find a job / unemployment / economists / youth / worldwide / difficult / easy / labour market / women / reasons / recovered / important / economy

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. FINDING A JOB: How can these things help young people get a job? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

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|  | **How can they help?** | **How good would that help be?** |
| Internet |  |  |
| Family and friends |  |  |
| Voluntary work |  |  |
| English |  |  |
| Training |  |  |
| Job centres |  |  |

4. THE FUTURE: Students A strongly believe people will always have e problem finding jobs; Students B strongly believe there will be plenty of jobs in the future. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. JOBS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

• Teacher • Software engineer

• Soldier • Taxi driver

• Bank clerk • Photographer

• Nurse • Sales person

6. UNEMPLOYMENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "unemployment". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**BEFORE READING / LISTENING**

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. There is a total of 73 million people in the world without a job. T / F
2. The number of unemployed young people in rich countries is falling. T / F
3. Youth unemployment in China has gone up since 2010. T / F
4. A labour organization (the ILO) said youth unemployment is set to fall. T / F
5. The ILO said it is easy for most young people looking for their first job. T / F
6. Unemployment is worst for women in the Middle East and North Africa. T / F
7. The 2008 global financial collapse is a reason for youth unemployment. T / F
8. The ILO said youth unemployment only affected the economy. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

1. young people a. number
2. currently b. increase
3. coming down c. beginning
4. figure d. problematic
5. rise e. presently
6. difficult f. dark
7. starting out g. youth
8. particularly h. hurts
9. gloomy i. falling
10. affects j. especially

**3. PHRASE MATCH**: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

1. the number of young people without a. for work
2. youth unemployment is coming b. is set to rise
3. it is rising in c. market
4. increased from d. figures
5. youth unemployment worldwide e. most of Asia
6. looking f. 9.3 per cent
7. starting out in today's labour g. unrest
8. particularly h. down in rich countries
9. gloomy i. a job
10. social j. bad

**GAP FILL**

A new (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ says the number of young people without a job is still very high in many countries. There are (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 73 million people around the world aged 15-24 who want to work but cannot (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a job. The International Labour Organization (ILO) said that although youth unemployment is (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ down in rich countries, it is rising in most of Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Brazil. The youth unemployment (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in China increased from 9.3 per cent in 2010 to 10.6 per cent (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ year. Economists say it will be 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the figure for youth unemployment was 14 per cent at the (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of this year, but is now almost 16 per cent. The ILO warns that youth unemployment worldwide is (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to rise.

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The ILO said it is (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for many young people who are looking for work. It said: "It's still not (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be young and starting out in today's (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ market." It is particularly bad for many young women. The (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rate of youth unemployment around the world is for women in the Middle East and North Africa. This figure is around 45 per cent. There are many (13) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for the gloomy figures for youth unemployment. One major (14) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is the global financial (15) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of 2008. Many countries have still not recovered from that. The ILO says youth unemployment is not just important for a country's economy. It also affects health, (16) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unrest and levels of people's happiness.

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**LISTENING** - Guess the answers. Listen to check.

1. A new report says the number of young people without a job is still very high \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. in much countries b. in any countries c. in many countries d. in manly countries

1. There are currently 73 million people around the world aged 15-24 \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. who wants to work b. who want too work c. who want two work d. who want to work

1. The youth unemployment rate in China increased from 9.3 \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. per cent on 2010 b. per cent in 2010 c. per cent at 2010 d. per cent of 2010

1. the figure for youth unemployment was 14 per cent at the \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. begin in of this year b. beginnings of this year c. beginning of this year d. beginning of that year

1. The ILO warns that youth unemployment worldwide \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. is set to rise b. is set to raise c. is set to arise d. is set to risen

1. The ILO said it is difficult for many young people who \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. are looking four work b. are looking in for work c. are look in for work d. are looking for work

1. It's still not easy to be young and starting out in \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. today's labour markets b. today's labour market c. today's labour marketed

d. today's labour marketing

1. The highest rate of youth unemployment around the world is for women \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. on the Middle East b. at the Middle East c. by the Middle East d. in the Middle East

1. One major factor is the global financial \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. collapse of 2008 b. collapsed of 2008 c. collapses of 2008 d. collapse off 2008

1. It also affects health, social unrest and levels \_\_\_\_\_\_

a. for people's happiness b. off people's happiness c. of people's happiness

d. on people's happiness

**LISTENING** – Listen and fill in the gaps

A new report (1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of young people without a job is still very high in many countries. There (2) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 73 million people around the world aged 15-24 who want to work but cannot find a job. The International Labour Organization (ILO) said (3) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ unemployment is coming down in rich countries, it is rising in most of Asia, the Middle East, North Africa and Brazil. The (4) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ rate in China increased from 9.3 per cent in 2010 to 10.6 per cent last year. Economists (5) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the figure for youth unemployment was 14 per cent at the beginning of this year, but is now almost 16 per cent. The ILO warns that youth unemployment worldwide (6) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The ILO said (7) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ many young people who are looking for work. It said: "It's (8) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ be young and starting out in today's labour market." It is (9) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for many young women. The highest rate of youth unemployment around the world is for women in the Middle East and North Africa. This figure is around 45 per cent. There are many reasons for (10) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for youth unemployment. One major factor is the global financial collapse of 2008. Many countries have (11) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ from that. The ILO says youth unemployment is not just important for a country's economy. It also affects health, social unrest (12) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ people's happiness.

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

1. How many 15-24-year-olds are unemployed?
2. Where is youth unemployment falling?
3. What was the level of youth unemployment in China in 2010?
4. Where was youth unemployment 14% at the start of the year?
5. What did the ILO warn would happen to youth unemployment?
6. What market is it difficult for young people to start out in?
7. Who is youth unemployment particularly bad for?
8. Where is there a youth unemployment rate of 45%?
9. What happened in 2008 to create unemployment problems?
10. What does unemployment affect people's levels of?

**MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ**

1. How many 15-24-year-olds are unemployed?

a) 7.3 million b) 73,000,000 c) 730,000,000 d) 730,000

2. Where is youth unemployment falling?

a) Eastern Europe b) China c) Mexico d) in rich countries

3. What was the level of youth unemployment in China in 2010?

a) 10.6% b) 9.6% c) 9.3% d) 10.3%

4. Where was youth unemployment 14% at the start of the year?

a) Brazil b) Mexico c) Thailand d) Australia

5. What did the ILO warn will happen to youth unemployment?

a) they didn't say b) it will rise c) it will level out d) it will fall

6. What market is it difficult for young people to start out in?

a) the labour market b) the futures market c) the fruit market d) the stock market

7. Who is youth unemployment particularly bad for?

a) high school leavers b) young men c) women d) graduates

8. Where is there a youth unemployment rate of 45%?

a) the Middle East b) the Near East c) the Far East d) the East

9.What happened in 2008 to create unemployment problems?

a) a natural disaster b) a cyber attack on the Internet c) oil prices went up

d) the global financial collapse

10.What does unemployment affect people's levels of?

a) hope b) cleanliness c) happiness d) hope

**ROLE PLAY**

Role A – Teacher

You think a teacher is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bank clerk, nurse or sales person.

Role B – Bank clerk

You think a bank clerk is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): teacher, nurse or sales person.

Role C – Nurse

You think a nurse is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bank clerk, teacher or sales person.

Role D – Sales person

You think a sales person is the best job. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them things that are wrong with their jobs. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): bank clerk, nurse or teacher.

**AFTER READING / LISTENING**

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms … for the words 'young' and 'people'.

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| young | people |

Share your findings with your partners.

Make questions using the words you found.

Ask your partner / group your questions.