

Jobless young people a big problem

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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 employment 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.

Sources: Reuters / the Guardian / VOA News

Writing

Young, jobless people should have to do voluntary work. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

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

True / False

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

Synonym Match

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|-----------------|----------------|
| 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 |

Discussion – Student A

- Should young people do voluntary work to get experience?
- Why do you think unemployment is particularly bad for women?
- What reasons are there for high youth unemployment?
- What do you know about the global financial collapse in 2008?
- What effect does youth unemployment have on health?
- What can young people do if they do not have a job?
- How would you feel if you had no job for a long time?
- What questions would you like to ask the ILO?

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Phrase Match

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

Discussion – Student B

- a) How easy or difficult is it to find a job in your country?
- b) What do you think about what you read?
- c) Why is it so difficult for young people to find a job?
- d) Have you ever had problems finding a job?
- e) What can young people do to find a job?
- f) What problems are there with youth unemployment?
- g) Is it better to go to another country to find a job?
- h) What job would you really like to do?

Spelling

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2. There are nylectrur 73 million people
3. uoyht unemployment
4. it is inirsg in most of Asia
5. cidseanre from 9.3 per cent in 2010
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9. This gifrue is around 45 per cent
10. One armjo factor
11. global financial epcllsao
12. asolci unrest

Answers – Synonym Match

1. g	2. e	3. i	4. a	5. b
6. d	7. c	8. j	9. f	10. h

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.

Speaking – 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

Answers – True False

a	F	b	T	c	T	d	F	e	F	f	T	g	T	h	F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.