

9. Look at the pictures. What do you think your country spends most money on? Put the pictures in order from 1-4.



Defence



Education



Health



Drinking water

10. Read the text. Which of the things in exercise 9 does it mention?

HOW YOUR GOVERNMENT SPENDS YOUR MONEY

One of the most important jobs of a government is to decide how to spend money. Most nations spend billions of dollars each year on an enormous variety of things: education, health, transport, research, foreign aid and much more.

Politicians rarely agree about the best way to spend money. Some think that the most important thing is to have excellent public services, such as schools and hospitals. Other people think that rich countries should spend more money on helping poorer countries so that they can give their citizens basic services like clean drinking water. Others think that people should pay less tax. This means that people can keep more of the money that they earn, but the government then has less money to spend, and public services are usually more expensive.

Some countries are very lucky, and have natural resources like oil that they can sell. This gives them lots of money to spend and it means that their citizens don't need to pay so much tax. Other countries suffer from natural disasters like floods and hurricanes, and need to spend a lot to protect their citizens.

Glossary

- spend money: *gastar dinero*
- research: *investigación*
- foreign aid: *ayuda al extranjero*
- tax: *impuestos*
- citizens: *ciudadanos*
- oil: *petróleo*
- floods: *inundaciones*

Focus on Language

11. Complete the sentences from the text.

- a. Rich countries should spend _____ money on helping poorer countries.
- b. Others think that people should pay _____ tax.

12. Complete the sentences with *more* or *less* and the nouns in the box.

cars - time - energy - pollution

Example: I've got more people in my family than my best friend has. He's an only child.

- a. I've got _____ to spend with my friends at the moment because I'm studying for exams.
- b. There are _____ on the roads now. The traffic is really bad.
- c. I go running in the morning because I've got _____ then.
- d. There's _____ in my city now. The air feels cleaner.

Focus on Vocabulary

5. Can you name all of these products? Match the names of the products with the pictures.

cap - face cream - memory stick - keyboard - mobile phone - headphones - tablet - mouse - jeans - T-shirt - soap - deodorant



6. Put the products in exercise 5 in the correct category.

Skin and body care	Technological items	Clothing
		cap