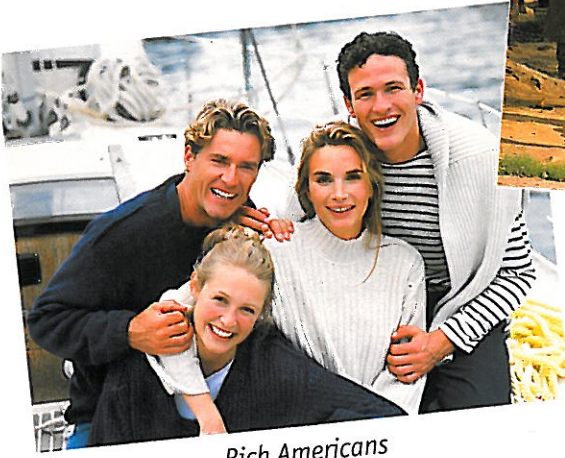


**Tune in**

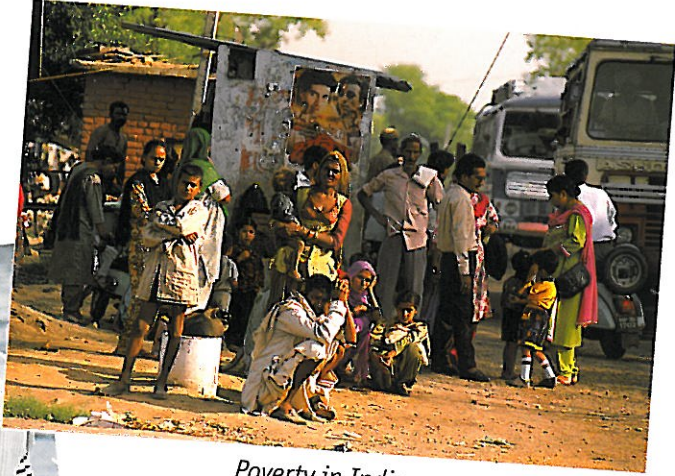
1 Before you listen, think about "charities" – organisations which collect money for people who need it. Do you ever give money to them? How do you feel when you give money?

2 Now listen to this argument between Steve and Emily. Steve is collecting money for a charity which helps children in Africa, and Emily is not sure that it's a good idea. What facts on the tape go with each of these numbers?

\$50	12 million	20%
15 cents	one million	



Rich Americans



Poverty in India

- 3 Measles is a virus which gives you little red spots. According to Steve and Emily's conversation, why do American children not normally die of measles?
- 4 In one sentence, summarise Emily's point of view.

**Key Language**

5 In a discussion, how do you **disagree politely**, and then make your own point? Which of these phrases did you hear on the tape? Tick (✓) the boxes.

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| a <input type="checkbox"/> No, it won't. But...     | e <input type="checkbox"/> You're right of course. But... |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> All right, but...        | f <input type="checkbox"/> I accept that, but...          |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> OK, but...               | g <input type="checkbox"/> Yes, they do. But...           |
| d <input type="checkbox"/> That may be true, but... |   |

**Over to you**

6 Role play. In pairs, act out the parts of Emily and Steve, and continue their argument. Make sure you use some of these phrases from *Key Language*. Spend a few minutes preparing your points before you begin. Here is some information:

**Steve**

"Unicef says that..."

- half the money spent on cigarettes in Europe would save the lives of all the children in the world who die from preventable disease
- 800 million people in the world do not have enough to eat
- more than 1 billion people do not have clean water
- 25,000 people die each day from diseases carried by dirty water
- half a million babies die each year from tetanus, often because there isn't a clean blade (price: 30 cents) to cut the umbilical cord
- in the poorest countries, life expectancy is only just above 40 years; in the richest countries it is almost 80 years



**Emily**


"In the USA..."

- there are about 700,000 homeless people, including 100,000 children
- there is a lot of unemployment. When the City of Los Angeles advertised for 100 low-paid cleaners, 25,000 people applied
- every day six children commit suicide, most of them from poor families
- all around us there are adverts showing rich people enjoying expensive products
- getting rich is part of the "American Dream"



7 How do you feel about the role of charities? Is it a good way to help the poor, or should the government deal with such problems?

8 One famous type of sports shoe is made in Pakistan and costs \$70 to buy in the USA. But who exactly gets the money?

WHO GETS HOW MUCH?	
	The shoe-shop → \$32
	The company with the famous name → \$23
	The factory in Pakistan → \$13
	The factory worker → \$2

9 Rich countries pay very low prices for goods from poor countries – not only factory-made things, but also fruit, vegetables, coffee etc.. Is this right? What can be done about it?

**Write about it**

10 Write a letter to the chief executive of a famous sports-shoe company. Tell her/him how you feel about the statistics in the chart above.

11 Imagine you are a beggar. Write a diary for one day of your life on the streets.

12 Choose a charity organisation that you would like to work for. Write a letter to be sent out to millions of people. Ask for money and explain why they should give some to your organisation.