

# FD36 POVERTY



Kevin Carter's Pulitzer Prize winning photo taken in 1994 during the Sudanese famine. The picture depicts a famine stricken child being stalked by a vulture. The child is crawling towards a United Nations food camp, located a kilometer away.

No one knows what happened to the child, including the photographer who left the scene as soon as the photo was taken. He later confided to friends that he wished he had intervened. Journalists at the time were warned never to touch famine victims for fear of disease.

Three months later, and only weeks after being bestowed with the Pulitzer Prize, Kevin Carter committed suicide.

## BEGINNER

1. Do you think you are poor, middle-class, or rich?
2. Are there many jobless people in your country?
3. Would you pay more taxes if it would create jobs for everyone?
4. How serious is homelessness in your country?
5. Do you give alms (donations) to beggars?
6. Have you ever volunteered for a feeding program?

7. Do you think all countries should have a welfare system?
8. Do you agree with the saying, "*When there is no food on the table, love flies out of the window?*"
9. How can ordinary people help poor people?
10. What should governments do to stop poverty?



## INTERMEDIATE

- 1) What is poverty?
- 2) Why do so many people live below the poverty line?
- 3) What kind of poverty exists in your country?
- 4) What do you think living below the poverty line is like?
- 5) Is it possible for the world to make poverty disappear?

- 6) What do you think of people who buy expensive brands when so much poverty exists in the world?
- 7) Aristotle said: "Poverty is the parent of revolution and crime." What do you think?
- 8) Why does poverty exist in rich countries like the USA?
- 9) What do you think of the "Make Poverty History" campaign?
- 10) In 1964, Lyndon B. Johnson announced: "For the first time in our history it is possible to conquer poverty." What went wrong?



## ADVANCED

- 1) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'poverty'?
- 2) Is poverty different in rich countries than in poor ones?
- 3) Do you do anything to help reduce poverty?
- 4) Bernard Shaw said: "The greatest of evils and the worst of crimes is poverty." Do you agree with this?
- 5) How would the world be different if there was no poverty?
- 6) What are the causes of poverty?
- 7) What do you think a poverty trap is and is it easy for people to escape it?
- 8) What is more important to win, the war on terror or the war on poverty? Are governments spending on the right war?
- 9) Do you think there'd be no wars if there was no poverty?

- 10) Eli Khamarov said: "Poverty is like punishment for a crime you didn't commit. And one never really forgets either — everything serves as a constant reminder of it." How far is this true today?