



## Local issue: food poverty

**Themes:** hunger, local poverty, foodbanks, local action

**Video link:** <https://player.vimeo.com/video/268622776>

These discussion questions are designed to deepen your students' learning experience. Once you have watched the video, use these questions to test your students' knowledge, cement their understanding and introduce more complex themes and ideas. Students should be encouraged to share and discuss their opinions with their peers, developing their communication, argument formation, information literacy and critical thinking skills. Whilst we have differentiated the questions for primary and secondary age groups, feel free to mix and match the questions as appropriate for your group.

### Primary

- 1) When was the last time you felt hungry?
- 2) Many children and adults in the UK often go hungry because they cannot afford basic food supplies. How does this make you feel?
- 3) Why is hunger often described as an invisible issue?
- 4) What are foodbanks and why do people use them?
- 5) Why did Regis School campaign to collect and donate items to their local foodbank? What did they learn from this experience?
- 6) How can you take positive steps to raise awareness and support local hunger issues?

P.T.O. for secondary age group discussion questions...



## Secondary

Helpful facts and resources have been included for our secondary discussion questions, enabling you to facilitate a meaningful discussion and take your students' learning to the next level.

- 1) How did watching this video make you feel?
- 2) What are the key things you learned from this video? What facts did you learn?
- 3) How might hunger have an impact on someone's life? Think about both the physical and mental impacts.
- 4) What are the causes of foodbank use?

**Know the stats:** According to The Trussell Trust, a nationwide network of foodbanks, the top causes are:

- i. Low income (28.49%)
- ii. Benefit delays (23.74%)
- iii. Benefit changes (17.73%)
- iv. Debt (8.53%)
- v. Other (7.57%)
- vi. Homelessness (5.01%)
- vii. Sickness (2.86%)
- viii. No recourse to public funds (2.69%)

Please visit <https://www.trusselltrust.org/what-we-do/> for more information.

- 5) What other services do foodbanks offer? Why might they help people struggling with food poverty?
- 6) What actions could you take to help end local food poverty?

Make a positive impact to your community and learn more about local food poverty with our WE Scare Hunger campaign materials at [WE.org/gb/wescarehunger](https://www.we.org.uk/wescarehunger).