

Why are food prices rising?

Aim: To discuss and explore some of the possible reasons leading to the food crisis.

Top Tip: In a whole group setting, ask the students what they understand of each of the possible reasons given before separating them into smaller groups.

Instructions: Cut out a set of cards for each small group of 6. In these groups, ask students to present an argument for each of the possible reasons with each pupil taking a card. Finally, ask the group to come to a consensus on which possible reasons they believe to be most responsible for the food crisis. They can be ranked from top to bottom, top being the strongest reason. This should take 30 minutes.

Walking Gallery: This could be further developed by allowing pupils to view the other groups' order of ranking which could take 5- 10 minutes, depending on how many groups there are.

Climate Change



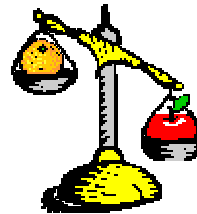
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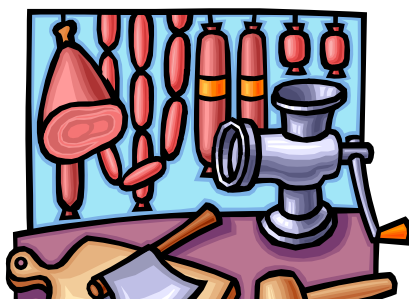
Free market



Unfair trade



Changing diets in emerging markets



Rising OIL prices

