

# Inequality Quiz <sup>2</sup>

1.

The world does not produce enough money and food for everyone to be well fed and have their needs met

**FALSE**

There is enough money and food in this world for everyone, but it is not distributed fairly, and a lot of people do not have access to food or a fair wage. There is also a lot of food wasted in developed countries like Ireland, USA and UK

2.

Most of the world's farmers are from poorer countries

**TRUE**

Most agricultural farmers are from poorer countries. They depend on growing food for their survival. A lot of big companies like Nestlé trade with these farmers to bring food to our supermarket shelves. However, they do not pay the farmers a fair price which means the farmers remain trapped in poverty

3.

More and more of the food produced by farmers, and more and more of the food we buy from the supermarket is controlled by a few big corporations who make a lot of money for themselves

**TRUE**

There are about ten big corporations who have bought control of the food production chain. They control how the farmers plant the seeds. They control how the produce is shipped across the world. They control how little the farmers are paid. They control how the food is packaged on our shelves. In fact, these big corporations practically control everything we buy (a visual display of these corporations is available at this link [www.static4.businessinsider.com/image/53babac36da811ee672b2726/10-companies-that-control-almost-everything-we-eat.jpg](http://www.static4.businessinsider.com/image/53babac36da811ee672b2726/10-companies-that-control-almost-everything-we-eat.jpg))

4.

1% of the richest people have more wealth than the rest of the world

**TRUE**

In 2016, the richest 1% had more wealth than the rest of the world combined

5.

**Big corporations pay their fair share of tax to governments**

**FALSE**

A lot of big corporations and some powerful and wealthy individuals avoid paying their tax by hiding it in tax havens. A tax haven is a country that has a low rate of tax. A lot of powerful people and corporations register their companies in these havens, and avoid paying the proper tax to their own governments. Big corporations also go into countries in Africa and do not pay sufficient tax. This means that governments are deprived of a lot of tax money which could pay for food, health and education

**6. If the richest people in the world paid the proper tax to governments, then there would be enough money to end world poverty for good**

**TRUE**

If the richest people stopped hiding their money to avoid paying tax, then world poverty and hunger could be solved. In 2013 at least \$18.5 trillion was hidden by wealthy individuals in tax havens worldwide, representing a loss of more than \$156 billion in tax revenue

7.

**Africa is a continent with no resources to trade**

**FALSE**

Africa has reserves of diamonds, platinum, oil, gas and timber. But, big corporations go into African countries and take ownership of these reserves and land and keep most of the profit for themselves

8.

**We can make the world fairer through what we decide to buy or not buy**

**TRUE**

We have a lot of power as consumers. We can do some research to find out if the products we buy are linked to the unfair treatment of people or even if they involve child labour. We can write to the big companies to demand that they pay a fair price to farmers. We can also ask them if they pay fair tax to governments. We can tell them we will refuse to buy their products until we can be sure they treat people fairly and equally. We can also ask supermarkets to stock a good range of fairtrade products. We can also buy local produce.

Resource

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Person  
the World  
Needs Most

