

# Poor Because.....



From the following list, choose the three responses you think best describe why people are poor. People are poor because:

- they are lazy and do not work hard enough to earn what they need
- they do not have work (unemployment)
- even though they work hard, they do not earn enough money to buy what they need (wages are too low)
- they do not have enough education or skills
- they have too many children
- they are discriminated against (treated unfairly) because of their color, nationality, religion or sex
- government ignores the needs of the poor
- of illness or disease
- they do not have enough initiative (people just sit back and wait for things to happen)
- no reason in particular, that's just the way the world is
- there are too many needs in the world and not enough resources to meet them all
- of natural disasters such as floods or earthquakes
- there are enough resources in the world for everyone to have what they need but these resources are not shared fairly
- too much money is spent on weapons and not enough on buying what people need
- resources (food, water, land, energy) are wasted rather than being used for what people need
- the current business system doesn't need as many workers
- other reasons (list any you can think of)