

NORTH STAR 3e Level 5

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Video Activity Worksheet

Unit 10: Poverty

Trucking a New Harvest to Malawi

Comprehension

Predict

This video discusses the difficult lives of the farmers in Malawi. Before you watch the video, answer the following questions.

Where is Malawi? Why do you think farmers' lives are difficult there?

Focus

Watch the video. Find the answer to the following question.

What percentage of the people of Malawi live in poverty?

Comprehension A

Choose the correct answer. Circle a, b, or c.

1. Which of the following is not true about farmers in Malawi?
 - a. Some have formed a cooperative.
 - b. They do not produce enough food for their country.
 - c. They are expected to live a very long life.
2. How does forming a cooperative help the farmers of Malawi?
 - a. They work as a group to negotiate contracts with mills.
 - b. They are given free fertilizer.
 - c. They have more publicity for their problems.

Comprehension B

Answer the questions.

1. Why did it take a week to get the fertilizer delivered?

2. Why is former president Bill Clinton impatient?

3. Why does President Clinton say you should never be satisfied?



Speaking

Choose one of the topics. Record and submit a one-to-two-minute response.

- Do you think forming cooperatives is a good thing for farmers? How about for other groups? Can you think of another industry where forming a cooperative might be useful? Is there any way in which you think it could be harmful?
- Microfinance has proven to be a very effective way to help people who may have otherwise been forgotten. What do you think are some of the challenges of starting and implementing a microfinance program?

Writing

What is the next thing you would you do to help the Malawi farmers and their families? If you had one million dollars to spend there, how would you spend it?

