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# BBC LEARNING ENGLISH

## 6 Minute English worksheet

### What makes a good citizen?

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Listen to the full episode here: <https://bbc.in/3Kwopgl>

**1. Look at the cover image and title of the episode. What do you think this episode is about? What do you know about this topic already? What vocabulary do you associate with this topic?**

**2. Now listen to the first two minutes of the episode.**

- What do the presenters say the episode is about?
- What is this week's question? What do you think the answer is?

**3. Now listen to the whole episode. As you listen, write down the six items of vocabulary. What do they mean?**

a) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

b) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

c) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

d) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

e) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

f) Word/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

It means: \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4. What did you learn that was surprising or new in this episode?**

**5. Answer the quiz questions. Listen again or use the transcript to help you.**

1. How does MyPolis encourage young people to become active citizens?
  - a) by inviting politicians to give speeches
  - b) by running council assemblies in schools
  - c) by organising trips to the National Assembly
2. What is the meaning of 'in office'?
  - a) in power
  - b) in brief
  - c) in return
3. What is an 'extra part that is added to something later, rather than being built in'?
  - a) add-up
  - b) add-in
  - c) add-on
4. Which African country has the MyPolis project now expanded to?
  - a) Mauritius
  - b) Mozambique
  - c) Malawi
5. "That politician never gives an honest answer to a question. He's hard to \_\_\_\_."
  - a) pin down
  - b) pin up
  - c) pin
6. Which phrase means 'to think that someone is important and deserves attention'?
  - a) take seriously
  - b) take up
  - c) take off

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**6. Write your own sentences using the vocabulary.**


**7. Answer the following questions.**

- What are three things you have learnt from this episode?
- How does this topic make you feel?
- Give three examples relevant to your life using the vocabulary.

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#### Answers

3.

- a. the law of the land – the set of rules and laws that exists in a certain place
- b. erosion of trust – gradual weakening of people's confidence in political and economic institutions and systems
- c. in office – in power at the present time
- d. add-on – extra part that is added later, rather than being planned in from the start
- e. take someone/something seriously – think that someone or something is important and deserves attention
- f. pin down – force someone to be specific about their plans and intentions

5. 1b, 2a, 3c, 4b, 5a, 6a

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#### Teacher's notes

This worksheet is standardised so that you can amend and use it as appropriate with your classes.

Some topics may be difficult for learners, especially those which could be upsetting or cause offence. Please be mindful of this when using this worksheet and adapt it as necessary.

#### Extension activities

- Role-play an interview with an 'interviewer' and an 'expert' on this topic.
- Write a short story or article using the vocabulary from this episode.
- Read original articles on this topic.
- For homework: If it is available in your country, download and listen to the original podcast these extracts were taken from.