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# Poverty – Causes and Effects

Read the 'Causes of Poverty' (page 6) and 'How Does Poverty Impact Different Groups?' (page 9) sections of the fact book and complete the following activities.

## ACTIVITY 1 – COMPREHENSION AND ANALYSIS

1. Do you think a hard working person can overcome poverty on their own? If yes, explain how. If not, what would they need to be able to overcome poverty?
  
2. What are some of the obstacles a person might face when trying to lift themselves out of poverty?
  
3. Explain the difference between the social causation hypothesis and the social selection hypothesis.
  
4. What is the poverty cycle and why is it important to break it?

## ACTIVITY 2 – POVERTY TREE

On a full page, draw a diagram of a tree. The diagram must have the roots, trunk, branches and leaves of the tree. In the roots of the tree, you are going to write all of the causes of poverty. In the trunk, you will write the word 'poverty'. In the branches, you will write all of the effects or impacts of poverty, both on individuals and the community. In the leaves (or on the side of the diagram if you have no room) you will write down any possible solutions to the issue of poverty. When you have finished your tree, answer the question below.

Are any of the causes of poverty related to each other? Do any of them make any of the others worse?