

# FREE FREE RICE WORLD HUNGER ACTIVITY

*A class activity in which students answers questions on the freerice.com website in order to donate rice to countries in need. Includes world hunger statistics, instructions on how to play the game, and a tally sheet for students to keep track of their progress.*

F R E E

Rice

generosity means...

bighearted means...

thoughtful means...

The easiest way to help a hungry child this holiday. Play Freerice.



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# World Hunger Statistics



**Hunger** is the world's No.1 health risk.

It kills more people every year than **AIDS**, malaria and tuberculosis combined.

**HUNGER**



**AIDS,  
MALARIA  
AND TB**



**One** in **seven** people in the world will go to bed hungry tonight



**One** out of **four** children in developing countries are underweight



**There are more hungry people in the world**

than the combined populations of **USA**, **Canada** and **the European Union**



- **925 million people** do not have enough to eat and 98 percent of them live in developing countries. *(Source: FAO news release, 14 September 2010)*
- Asia and the Pacific region is home to over half the world's population and nearly two thirds of the world's hungry people;  
*(Source: FAO news release, 2010)*
- **Women** make up a little over half of the world's population, but they account for over 60 percent of the world's hungry.  
*(Source: Strengthening efforts to eradicate hunger..., ECOSOC, 2007)*
- 65 percent of the world's hungry live in only **seven countries**: India, China, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Pakistan and Ethiopia.  
*(Source: FAO news release, 2010)*

- Undernutrition contributes to **five million** deaths of children under five each year in developing countries.  
(Source: *Under five deaths by cause, UNICEF, 2006*)
- One out of four children - roughly 146 million - in developing countries is **underweight**  
(Source: *The State of the World's Children, UNICEF, 2007*)

- More than 70 percent of the world's underweight children (aged five or less) live in just **10 countries**, with more than 50 per cent located in South Asia alone;  
(Source: *Progress for Children: A Report Card on Nutrition, UNICEF, 2006*)

- **10.9 million children** under five die in developing countries each year. Malnutrition and hunger-related diseases cause 60 percent of the deaths;  
(Source: *The State of the World's Children, UNICEF, 2007*)

- **Iron deficiency** is the most prevalent form of malnutrition worldwide, affecting an estimated 2 billion people. Eradicating iron deficiency can improve national productivity levels by as much as 20 percent.  
(Source: *World Health Organization, WHO Global Database on Anaemia*)

- **Iodine deficiency** is the greatest single cause of mental retardation and brain damage, affecting 1.9 billion people worldwide. It can easily be prevented by adding iodine to salt.  
(Source: *World Nutrition Situation 5th report, UN Standing Committee on Nutrition 2005*)

**Let's help end world hunger by playing an online game that donates food to countries in need.**

**Free Rice Project**

**<http://www.freerice.com/>**

**LOGIN:**

Username: \_\_\_\_\_

Password: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECTS:**

English Vocabulary or English Grammar

**Your Total Grains of Rice:** \_\_\_\_\_





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