Youth

New Internationalist Easier English Ready Upper-Intermediate Lesson
Why ....

a) is it good to be a youth (15 – 24 year-old) in the world in 2012?

b) is it difficult to be a youth (15 – 24 year-old) in the world in 2012?
True or false? Discuss:

1. There are 1 billion youths in the world.
2. 51% of the youth labour force is unemployed in Spain in 2012.
3. “NEET” stands for “Neither in Employment, Education or Travel”.
4. There is 50% youth unemployment in Africa.
5. 44% of 15 – 24 year olds are underweight in India.
6. In Sub-Saharan Africa, young men are up to 8x more likely than young women to be HIV positive.
7. The legal marrying age in Iran is 13 for girls and 15 for boys.
8. 6 million adolescent girls become mothers every year around the world.
9. The youth literacy rate is 74% in Africa, and 97% in Latin America.
10. The biggest killer of girls aged 15 – 19 is disease.
Now check the facts:

http://www.newint.org/feature/s/2012/10/01/n456_infographic.jpg
What are young people doing to help the world change? And why?

Read these two easier English texts to find out:

http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Young_people_becoming_more_important
http://eewiki.newint.org/index.php/Giving_up_our_ideals_is_no_longer_an_option
Follow-up:

Now read the original articles – they will seem much easier:

http://www.newint.org/features/2012/10/01/young-people-mcintyre/

http://www.newint.org/features/2012/10/01/selling-out-youth-laurie-penny/