

# The United Nations: working for us all

In this lesson you will learn about the origins, goals and structure of the United Nations, and how all the different parts of the UN work together to improve the lives of men, women and children all over the world. You will work with your classmates, have lots of discussion and, like the UN, try to solve global problems. There's a competition too, so be prepared!

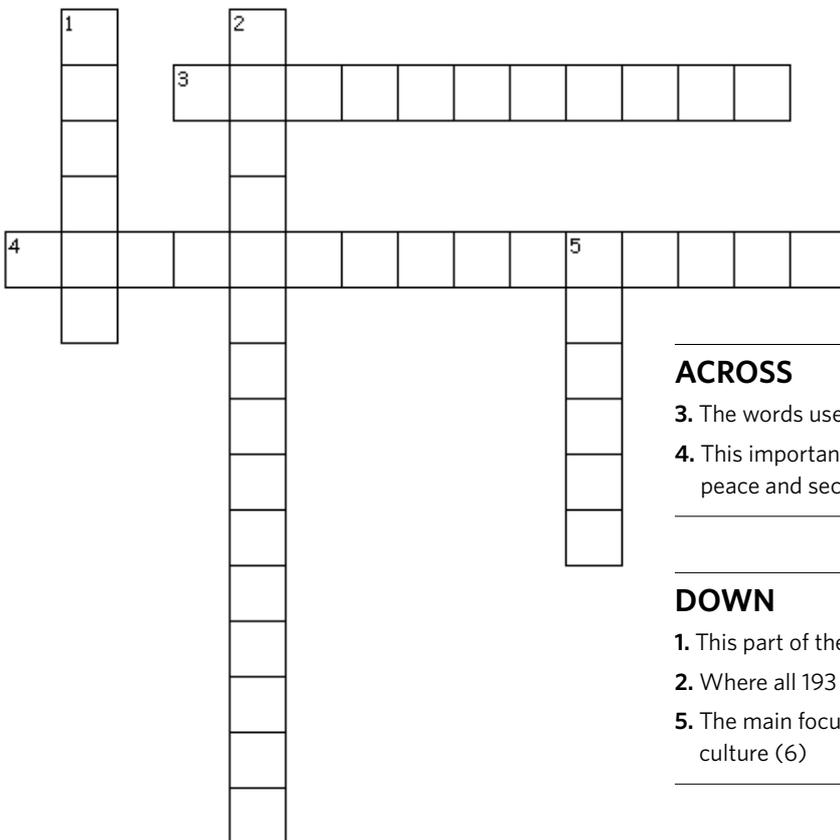
### Learning objectives for today

- To explore the work of the United Nations
- To work together to solve problems

### The main aims of the UN are

1. Secure international peace
2. Fight poverty
3. Protect human rights

### QUICK CROSSWORD QUIZ ON THE UN!



#### ACROSS

3. The words used to describe each country in the UN (6,5)
4. This important part of the UN focuses on maintaining international peace and security (8,7)

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1. This part of the UN focuses on helping children (6)
2. Where all 193 member states meet to discuss world issues (7,8)
5. The main focus of this UN agency is education, science and culture (6)

#### What is the United Nations (UN) and why was it created?

The UN is an international organisation that was created in 1945 as the world emerged from the Second World War. Its founders were shocked by the destruction of the war and the horrors of the Holocaust. They wanted to create an organisation that they hoped would be able to prevent such catastrophes from happening in the future, and improve the lives of the world's people.

#### What are the aims of the UN?

The main aims of the UN are to solve international conflicts and prevent war; fight poverty and promote sustainable economic development; and protect human rights.

#### Who runs the UN and how does it work?

The purpose of the UN is to bring all nations of the world together to work towards these aims. It is made up of 193 countries, known as 'member states'. These countries finance the UN's work and govern its activities. They are like the shareholders of a company. The UN Secretary-General is like the company's director - he or she looks after the day-to-day running of the organisation.

#### What is the structure of the UN?

The UN is made up of many important parts. Each part works on different aspects of the UN's aims. You will find out more about the different parts of the UN on the next page.



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