

4 Raise your voice!

Human rights key vocabulary		
border	The border between the United States and Canada is easier to cross than the border between North and South Korea.	Grenze
conscience	Robin almost told a lie, but then he listened to his conscience, and that inner voice told him to be honest.	Gewissen
dignity	A just leader assumes that every human life has dignity and is worthy of respect.	Würde
interference	It's common for organisations fighting for a certain cause to experience interference from governments or other groups with opposite interests.	Beeinflussung, Einmischung
liberty	Liberty is one of the fundamental human rights; everyone should be able to lead a life of freedom.	Freiheit
persecution	Unfortunately, many minority groups have been subject to persecution throughout history.	Verfolgung
property	Steve was free to do what he wanted with his property – if land belongs to someone, they have the right to decide what to do on it.	Eigentum
residence	Your place of residence is where you live for the majority of your time.	Wohnort
servitude	Many members of the lower income class were forced into servitude by members of the royal class.	Sklaverei / Leibeigenschaft
slavery	Slavery and the injustices of forced labour are part of the world's history.	Sklaverei
well-being	Friends care about your well-being and offer help if they see you struggling.	Wohlbefinden
Talking about human rights violations		
to raise one's voice	Savannah felt she had to raise her voice against the injustices the citizens in her town had faced.	die Stimme erheben
to result in increased repression and attacks on human rights defenders	Protests or public opposition can often result in increased repression and attacks on human rights defenders.	zu verstärkter Unterdrückung und zu Angriffen auf Menschenrechtsverteidiger/innen führen
to take human rights values for granted	Many citizens in western countries take human rights values for granted, as they're used to a reasonably fair justice system.	Menschenrechtswerte als selbstverständlich betrachten
to be displaced	During international conflict, certain ethnic groups can be displaced from their homelands.	aus der Heimat vertrieben werden

a lack of willingness to truly pursue change	Some political leaders display a lack of willingness to truly pursue change, even though they promise to take action.	fehlende Bereitschaft, sich wirklich für Veränderungen einzusetzen
to need resettlement	After fleeing from a war-torn country, refugees need resettlement to establish a new life.	Umsiedlung / Aufnahme in Drittstaaten benötigen
to put pressure on the public	Recent articles and news stories about human rights conflicts have put pressure on the public to speak up and advocate for change.	die Öffentlichkeit unter Druck setzen
to prevent human rights violations	It is one of the important responsibilities of the United Nations to prevent human rights violations.	Menschenrechtsverstöße verhindern
Exploitation of human rights in the garment industry		
factories are staffed by impoverished women	Many clothing factories are staffed by impoverished women who are given horrible wages and very few rights.	die Arbeitsplätze in Fabriken werden mit verarmten Frauen besetzt
workers often toil for little pay	The workers often toil for little pay and barely have time to eat or use the bathroom.	Arbeiter/innen schufteten oft für wenig Lohn
manufacturers want to keep manufacturing costs low	Manufacturers want to keep manufacturing costs low and do this easily by not paying fair wages.	Produzenten/Produzentinnen wollen die Herstellungskosten niedrig halten
working conditions in the clothing industry are often terrible	Working conditions in the clothing industry are often so terrible that workers' lifespans are significantly shortened.	die Arbeitsbedingungen in der Bekleidungsindustrie sind oft schrecklich
women might be sexually harassed	Younger workers and women might be sexually harassed on the job.	Frauen könnten sexuell belästigt werden
women organise themselves in trade unions	To fight back against this exploitation, women organise themselves in trade unions.	Frauen organisieren sich in Gewerkschaften
buyers should be held responsible for the working conditions	Some officials think that buyers should be held responsible for the working conditions in the factories where they get their merchandise.	Käufer/innen sollten für die Arbeitsbedingungen verantwortlich gemacht werden
the NGO does thorough research in case of working violations	If an accident occurs in a factory, the NGO in charge of investigating does thorough research in case of working violations.	die NGO recherchiert gründlich bei Arbeitsverstößen
certificates don't necessarily guarantee better working conditions	Because they can be falsified and are often unregulated, certificates don't necessarily guarantee better working conditions in factories.	Zertifikate garantieren nicht unbedingt / nicht zwangsläufig bessere Arbeitsbedingungen
to rapidly produce high volumes of clothing	The number one goal in many overseas factories is to rapidly produce high volumes of clothing.	schnell große Mengen an Kleidung produzieren
to bring inexpensive styles to the public	The high-yield strategy allows manufacturers to bring inexpensive styles in large quantities to the public.	preiswerte Mode unters Volk bringen

to increase the rate of production	Suho had promised his boss that he would do all he could to increase the rate of production in the factory.	die Produktionsrate erhöhen
to use cheap fabrics	If the piece of clothing has a low price, it is likely that the factory used cheap fabrics to produce it.	billige Stoffe verwenden
to not be paid the minimum wage	Garment factory workers are not paid the minimum wage.	nicht den Mindestlohn erhalten
to exploit garment workers	Manufacturers exploit garment workers as much as they can.	Arbeiter/innen in der Bekleidungsindustrie ausbeuten
to be hazardous for workers	Conditions are hazardous for workers, especially when dangerous machines are used with few safety measures.	für die Arbeiter/innen gefährlich sein
to use toxic chemicals	To dye the fabric, factories often use toxic chemicals.	giftige Chemikalien verwenden
to be dangerous to one's health	Many food additives are dangerous to one's health.	gefährlich für die Gesundheit sein
to dump wastewater from clothing factories into rivers	Some cities even dump wastewater from clothing factories into rivers, endangering native plants and animals as well as drinking water sources.	die Abwässer der Bekleidungsfabriken in Flüsse entsorgen
to not be transparent with one's practices	The more corruption going on behind the scenes, the more likely the factory is to not be transparent with its practices.	nicht transparent / nachvollziehbar in den Geschäftsmethoden sein
to hide information from one's customers	Justin knew the factory in his town was hiding information about the horrible working conditions from its main customers.	Informationen vor den Kunden/Kundinnen verbergen

Teenagers and their interests in politics

to thank someone for his / her commitment	After Tina was photographed holding a hand-made banner in support of her political party, a senator from her state contacted her and thanked her for her commitment.	jemandem für sein / ihr Engagement danken
to encourage someone to do something	Lilla encouraged all of the people she knew to do something in support of a cause they believe in.	jemanden ermutigen, etwas zu tun
to be politically disengaged	Many teenagers are politically disengaged because there is so much conflicting information.	politisch nicht engagiert / desinteressiert sein
to be perceived by someone	It's crucial to think about how you will be perceived by someone if you start making statements about their cultural group or who they are.	von jemandem wahrgenommen werden
to do something for a good cause	Mara always felt proud of herself when she did something for a good cause.	etwas für einen guten Zweck tun
to sign a petition	My friend Ralph encouraged me to sign a petition to overturn an unjust court decision.	eine Petition unterschreiben

to sidestep questions	Politicians tend to sidestep questions that show them in an unflattering light.	Fragen ausweichen
to create a vicious cycle	Acceptance of poor working conditions creates a vicious cycle for both workers and employers that only leads to more suffering and risk.	einen Teufelskreis verursachen / erzeugen
young people's attitudes towards politics	Young people's attitudes towards politics have changed a lot over the years.	die Einstellung junger Menschen zur Politik
to exercise the right to vote	More young people need to exercise the right to vote.	das Wahlrecht ausüben
civic and political engagement can include many different activities	Civic and political engagement can include many different activities, like voting or participating in protests.	staatsbürgerschaftliches und politisches Engagement kann viele verschiedene Aktivitäten umfassen
to participate in political demonstrations, protests, and marches	Steve participates in political demonstrations, protests, and marches with his brother as often as he can.	an politischen Demonstrationen, Protesten und Protestmärschen teilnehmen
to raise money for charitable causes	Maria's church congregation raises money for charitable causes.	Geld für wohltätige Zwecke sammeln
young people's commitment to voting is declining	Unfortunately, young people's commitment to voting is declining.	die Wahlbeteiligung junger Menschen ist rückläufig
to have little interest in young people's concerns	Many modern politicians seem to have little interest in young people's concerns.	wenig Interesse an den Belangen / Anliegen junger Menschen haben
to lose trust	Young people have lost trust in their politicians.	das Vertrauen verlieren
to undervalue the views of the youth	Public officials undervalue the views of the youth because they don't view them as being interested in public discourse.	die Ansichten der Jugend unterbewerten
to read the newspaper more often	My grandparents encourage us to read the newspaper more often.	häufiger Zeitung lesen
to stop employing children	Factories must stop employing children.	keine Kinder mehr beschäftigen
political parties should act more ethically	Political parties should act more ethically to avoid losing the trust of their voters.	die politischen Parteien sollten ethischer handeln
schools educate students better in political matters	Nowadays, schools educate students better in political matters, even starting at a young age.	Schulen unterrichten Schüler/innen besser in politischen Fragen
the children have better chances for their future	The children have better chances for their future when their parents educate them about the world around them.	die Kinder haben bessere Chancen für ihre Zukunft
politicians should motivate teenagers to go to the polls	Politicians should motivate teenagers to go to the polls and exercise their rights.	Politiker/innen sollten Jugendliche motivieren, zur Wahl zu gehen
to stop buying fast fashion	Stephanie urged her friends to stop buying fast fashion.	keine Wegwerfmode / Fast Fashion mehr kaufen
Collocations with government, law, election and vote		
to boycott the / a government	A group of rebels boycotted the government after a conservative politician was elected.	die / eine Regierung bestreiken/boycottieren

to change the / a government	It's a difficult task to change the government.	die / eine Regierung verändern
to criticise the / a government	In certain countries it's a crime to criticise the government.	die / eine Regierung kritisieren
to elect the / a government	The country elected a new government last year.	die / eine Regierung wählen
to form the / a government	After the United States was founded, the leaders had to form the government.	die / eine Regierung bilden
to lead the / a government	The prime minister was the best person to lead the government.	die / eine Regierung führen
to resign from the / a government	Many members of the coalition resigned from the government after the scandal.	aus der / einer Regierung austreten
to break the / a law	Criminals break the law frequently.	das / ein Gesetz brechen
to change the / a law	The process to change the law takes many months to complete.	das / ein Gesetz ändern
to introduce the / a law	Members of the legislative branch worked very hard to introduce a law preventing unnecessary lawsuits.	das / ein Gesetz einführen
to obey the / a law	It is expected that people obey the law in their countries.	das / ein Gesetz befolgen
to pass the / a law	After almost a year, the committee finally passed a law banning dolphin fishing.	das / ein Gesetz beschließen
to violate the / a law	The drunk driver clearly violated the law.	das / ein Gesetz verletzen
to boycott the / an election	Many women boycotted the election because both of the candidates were opposed to legal abortions.	die / eine Wahl bestreiken / boykottieren
to hold the / an election	The town decided to hold an election for mayor earlier than planned.	die / eine Wahl abhalten
to lose the / an election	Sadly, Damien's favourite candidate lost the election.	die / eine Wahl verlieren
to stand for election	The candidate will stand for election again in four years.	sich zur Wahl stellen
to win the / an election	Phil won the election for student body president this year.	die / eine Wahl gewinnen
to count (the) votes	Volunteers gather to count the votes at each election.	die Stimmen zählen
to lose (the / a) vote(s)	After his poor performance at the debate, his party lost most of the potential votes from young voters.	die Stimmen verlieren
to poll (the) votes	Grayer McCullan polled more votes than any other candidate from Michigan in this month's election.	Stimmen erhalten
to receive (the / a) vote(s)	Even though the female candidate received more votes, she didn't win.	Stimmen erhalten
to win (the / a) vote(s)	The Republican candidate won 45 per cent of the votes.	Stimmen gewinnen