



Children's rights are simple their rights to having their own identity, being associated with both [parents](#) and having provided the basic needs such as food, shelter, health care, physical protection, and education. They should free from any form of discrimination on the basis of gender, age, nationality, religion and sexual orientation. Here are the questions we asked willing to know how well our children know their rights and how their rights can be offended.



- How the place where a child was born can influence respecting the rights which they have and their life possibilities?

The place where a child was born is very important and it can influence children in several ways. For example because of some religious doctrines children can be mistreated. There is also a considerable inequality between the children in poor, developing countries and the rich ones. In developing countries not all kids have a place to keep them warm, a safe place where they can sleep and shelter from danger. There are democratic countries where children's rights are respected, but there places where their rights are abused. It's very important to have freedom and protection and in countries like Siria for example kids cannot be educated, go to school or even have enough food. In Mexico children sell drugs, in some other places there is a war and kids are forced to fight. Children's rights are not respected because the whole families have hard times, it's harder to live, feed and educate families. This convention should take care of all the children. Each of them needs protection. Childhood is the most important period of one's lifetime.



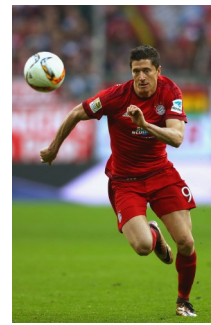
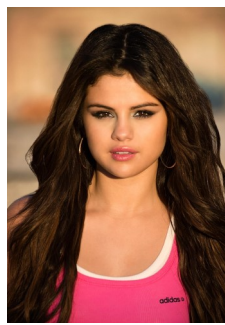
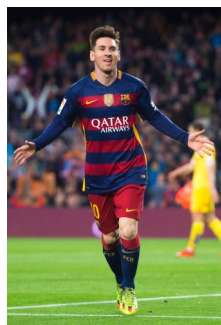
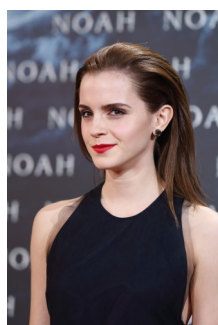
## - How does UNICEF help children in need?

- UNICEF is an organization which, with the support of governments and various partners helps to strengthen children's environment and defend them from abuse, discrimination and violence. They support children in need and provide them with material and psychological help. Their task is to monitor different areas and give children food, clothes and medicines. They organize vaccination campaigns, build and repair schools, send teachers, school supplies, doctors and provide health care. UNICEF workers try to protect children from abuse, harassment and violence all over the world, but nowadays, they most often help in Africa. Their role is especially important when it comes to curing and preventing against AIDS.



## - Who are Goodwill Ambassadors?

- They are a corporation, formed by people into the world of art, literature, sports, entertainment who are involved into helping World Health Organization. These people use their fame and talents and influence to advocate and publicize the importance of UNICEF. They spread awareness of UNICEF actions and participate in different charity events and raise money to help children in need. Goodwill Ambassadors are for example Lionel Messi, David Beckham, Selena Gomez, Ronaldo, Angelina Jolie, Brad Pitt or Robert Lewandowski. It is the great honour to be nominated as a Goodwill Ambassador.



## - Where can you look for help when someone breaks your rights?

- In case of moral or physical bullying we can of course turn to our parents, or teachers, tutors, school administration workers, social workers, a psychologist or a nurse. We can always ask for help public authority. It's adults who are responsible for our well being. They should solve problems which we turn to them with. In France we have the Chief Education Adviser and in Poland there is a Spokesman for Children Rights. In each country there are some special numbers which children can call when they are abused or there are official institutions which react in case of offending a child. They should know guaranteed solutions for any troubles.



- Which of the children's rights are most often abused in your school?

- Generally basic children's rights are not broken in our countries. We have food, we can go to school, we take part in different european projects, we can attend music concerts, take part in competitions, do sports which we like. So, basically our rights aren't broken. However, sometimes children suffer from bullying because of their name, religion, skin colour, or race. They are discriminated against their look, because they wear poor quality clothes or are ugly or obese. They are scorned or called names. We always should react when we see a situation like this. You can't ignore bullying.



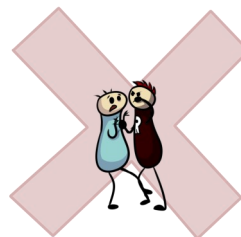
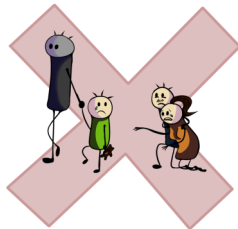
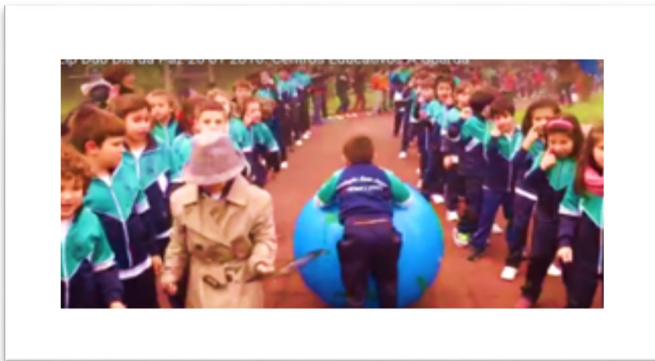
Children should be raised in the spirit of understanding, tolerance, peace and universal brotherhood. They should be allowed to express their views, but Sometimes adults don't listen to children and try to impose their opinions.





### How can financial crisis influence children's conditions in European countries ?

- In case of financial crisis many families get poor and then children have to go to work to earn for food and support their families. People lose jobs or their salaries or wages get lower, so children can't develop their interests and skills. Sometimes the financial crisis affects the whole education system and it can influence the standard and granted learning conditions. The conditions at school are worse or there are no schools at all! People are poorer and they can't afford many things their children really need. The crisis can produce migration which can result in broken families. Sometimes the whole families are forced to leaving their hometowns and countries and they have to live abroad. It can cause breaking their rights on the basis of race, religion or status.



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