

Task: Read the articles and watch the videos about Marcus Rashford's campaign to continue providing free school meals during the summer holidays. Marcus now wants to work out what else we need to do to help end child poverty. Some of these issues are sad and serious, if you need to talk about them please tell a trusted adult.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/53068466> <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-53073977>

- 1) Choose the best definition of child poverty from the options below.
- 2) Answer the multiple choice questions below. Think about which answer you feel is most likely to be correct. (The answers are at the bottom of the page but don't cheat!) You could discuss your answers with your parents.
- 3) Choose one of the possible causes of child poverty that you think could be solved to help end child poverty and describe how you'd solve it.
- 4) Write a short email or letter to Marcus Rashford about your solution to one of the problems which cause child poverty.
- 5) If you would like me to, I would like to share some of your ideas with the BBC on Monday. They would like to know what you think and may even share your ideas in a report!



Child poverty is when the parents don't have a job so they can't pay their bills.

Child poverty is when a family has an income below 60% of the UK's average.

A couple with two children living in poverty has less than £58 per day – that's £15 each - after housing costs to pay for food, bills, childcare, transport, household items, clothes and other expenses like school trips or children's activities.

Possible causes of child poverty	A	B	C	Answer
The UK's minimum wage	£5.00	£11.40	£8.20	
The cost of a free school meal per child	£2.30	£5.00	£4.40	
The average cost of a weekly food shop for a family of 4	£360	£154	£223	
The average rent for a 3 bedroom house in the UK	£886	£324	£567	
The number of people who have become unemployed due to corona virus	223,000	856,000	345,000	
The average cost of a family of 4's energy bills per month	£194	£340	£226	

Dear Marcus,

Firstly, thank you for your amazing campaign to help children continue to receive free school meals during the holidays. I have been learning about child poverty and I have some ideas about how we can end it for good! I know that in the UK, the average....