



The Lorax goes Global

Today we are going to learn about the Sustainable Development Goals and how we can link them to the story of [the Lorax](#).



In September 2015 193 world leaders came together and agreed on 17 Global Goals. The Goals are a promise made by all countries to each other to work together on a plan to eliminate extreme poverty, to reduce inequalities and to combat the threat of climate change by 2030

Watch this [video](#) where Malala introduces you to the 17 Global Goals and explains why they are so important.

What did you think? It seems like a big task to make all these goals become a reality by 2030 doesn't it? Look at the next video and hear what some cork students are doing to help!



Watch this [video](#) on how the students from Greenmount NS, Sundays Well BNS, Blarney Street BNS and Barryroe NS in Cork city and county explain the goals and what actions they are taking to help achieve them.

And [here](#) you can hear a few more examples of what children around the world are doing to help achieve the 17 Global Goals



Now that you have learnt a little bit about what the Global Goals are and the actions you could take in your daily life to help us achieve them it is time to start thinking about which of these goals link best with what is happening in the Lorax. We think Goal 12 is a good fit. What do you think? You can write alternative goals you think fit with the story here:

Now, let's learn a little bit more about Goal 12 with Thomas the Tank engine [here](#)



Explore your own buying habits by playing the want and needs game. There are a few picture shown below, look at each of them and decide for yourself if it is a **'want'** (something you would like to have but don't need to live or survive) or a **'need'** (something you need in order to be able to survive) Try and ask the other people that live in your house too and you might get a few nice, interesting conversations going 😊

	WANT	NEED
 <p>Flowers</p>		
 <p>Television</p>		
 <p>Home</p>		
 <p>Fast food</p>		
 <p>Healthy Food</p>		
 <p>Car</p>		
 <p>School</p>		
 <p>A Holiday</p>		
 <p>Clean Water</p>		
 <p>Computer</p>		

Extra topics for discussion:

Apple; we need fruit to be healthy, but should we buy apples from other countries or should we buy locally produced apples, in season only?

Banana; bananas always need to be imported as they do not grow in Ireland and thus contribute to climate change, but are we depriving people in the developed world of a livelihood? Would it be an option to buy fair trade organically grown bananas, ensuring people in the developed world can make a living?

Flowers; bringing flowers into your home may make you happy, so could we say that if we buy locally grown daffodils that can grow outside and do not have to be grown in greenhouses, is O.K.?

Strawberries; it is healthy food but should we be eating strawberries in December when they cannot be grown in Ireland?

House; we all need shelter, but should we live in houses that are not insulated? Should we live in a mansion or should we live in a house that is just big enough?

Chicken; we all need the protein it provides, but should we eat chickens that have lived a miserable life or should we eat chickens that are free range? Should we eat chicken every day? Should we be eating chicken nuggets or chicken burgers?

Potatoes; they are part of a well balanced diet but should we buy potatoes from Holland or should we be buying locally grown potatoes? Alternatively, can we grow our own?

Water; we cannot live without water! However, do we think enough about how much water we consume? Can we reduce our water consumption?