

What are the SDGs? As a result of the Sustainable Development Summit held in September 2015, world leaders adopted a set of 17 United Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with a total of 169 targets. They are designed to end poverty, fight inequality and injustice, and tackle climate change by 2030.

Here's a brief overview of each of the SDGs:

Images	Names	Aims
Ĭ¥ŤŧĬ	NO POVERTY	End poverty in all its forms everywhere.
	ZERO HUNGER	End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.
- ₩•	GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

	QUALITY EDUCATION	Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.
P	GENDER EQUALITY	Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.
	CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION	Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all.
	AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY	Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.
	DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

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	INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTU RE	Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.
	REDUCED INEQUALITIES	Reduce inequality within and among countries.
	SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES	Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.
CO	RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION	Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.
	CLIMATE ACTION	Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

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₩	LIFE BELOW WATER	Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.
4 ~~	LIFE ON LAND	Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss.
	PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS	Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.
8	PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS	Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Let's group the goals by the themes

List the goals by my own priorities

But why do this? What have the SDGs to do with language teaching? There are several intertwined answers to this question. Many language professionals have come to believe that language teachers are more than just teachers of language. Through what they teach and their attitudes and practices, they have an enduring influence on the future attitudes and personalities of their students such as:

- empowering students with language to talk about such issues in a confident way
- eveloping critical thinking and problem-solving skills through raising awareness of global issue
- developing social skills such as listening, turn-taking, sharing ideas and co-operating with others in order to carry out activities.
- encouraging the belief that it is the responsibility of everyone to meet the Global Goals and that by working together this is more likely to be achievable.
- providing opportunities for students to think 'out of the box' and come up with their own creative ideas,
 products, and solutions.
- integrating values which help to promote reflective thinking, responsible choices and principled behavior.