

## Chapter 2 Education

### Topic 1 Class differences in achievement (1) external factors

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#### Activity: Media

#### Child poverty and achievement

#### Learning objectives

At the end of this activity you should be able to:

- Identify how material factors affect educational achievement.
- Identify and evaluate ways in which material deprivation might be overcome.

A Make a list of the material factors identified on pages 21-23 of your textbook that may have an impact on educational achievement.

B Watch the clip below, and answer the following:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FCMjfTkv9rY>

1. What items have West End Primary School helped parents with?
2. Why do some children fail to attend the breakfast club?
3. What does Jill Burns do to help the children who do not attend the breakfast club?
4. What proportion of children in Morecambe grow up in poverty?
5. According to the Steve Wetherill, the headteacher, what reasons might there be for children arriving at school not ready to learn?
6. What extra services do the school offer to help overcome problems faced by parents?
7. Why does Morecambe Bay Primary School offer to wash pupils' uniform?
8. How does Morecambe Bay Primary School help parents who are going without food?
9. Why do the working couple who discuss their finances want to remain anonymous?
10. Why are people worried about using food banks?
11. According to Dr Andy Knox, what are the implications of children not eating properly?
12. What are the long-term impacts of malnourishment?
13. What is the pattern of poverty in the UK?

C. Using your answers to the questions, write a brief summary of how poverty in the UK is impacting on the education of primary school children.

D. Prepare a short report to your MP on what policies you would like to see implemented to overcome the problems of material deprivation for pupils who are affected by poverty.