

**Colegio María Griselda Valle**

**English handout**  
**II<sup>th</sup> grade**

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Objetivo: OA10 Demostrar comprensión de textos no literarios (como descripciones, artículos de revistas, procedimientos, catálogos, avisos publicitarios, emails, diálogos, páginas web, biografías, gráficos, reseñas, noticias, discursos) al identificar: - Propósito del texto. -Idea principal, información específica y detalles. -Relaciones de importancia y problema-solución entre ideas. - Palabras y frases clave, expresiones idiomáticas y de uso frecuente y vocabulario temático. -Combinaciones frecuentes de palabras (collocations), conectores, (neither? nor; either? or; though, unless, as soon as, as a result, y los del año anterior) y palabras derivadas de otras por medio de los prefijos im-, in-, il-.	

**Globalization - Friend or Enemy**

**a) Read the text carefully. ( Lee el texto cuidadosamente)**

We are living in a “Global Village” and as the internet grows, more and more people are becoming aware of this. It’s possible to talk regularly with friends and families all over the world.

A cousin in Australia or a friend in Mexico. It’s easy to stay in touch and it’s cheap! Email spins across the planet in seconds. Only ten years ago things were very different. Letters took days or weeks to arrive. You would get a letter or a card from a friend from far away just once a year – maybe at Christmas or for your Birthday.

English is more and more important in this world. Communication is becoming easier and cheaper, and it is possible to do other things. Many Companies have “Virtual Call Centers”. Last week I called a help line because of a problem with my computer. The person I talked to was from India. She wasn’t an Indian living in my country... She was living in India – my phone call was answered in India. Why? Because the workers are cheaper to employ, they have the technical knowledge, and of course... they speak English! It’s good for the Indian economy, but then the jobs are disappearing from Europe and America. This is one reason why some people worry about globalization.



**b) Answer the following questions based on the reading passage.**  
 (Responda las siguientes preguntas de acuerdo a lo leído).

a) What is easy to do now that was more difficult in the past?

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b) Why some companies use call centers in countries like India?

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