

# Poverty in Japan



## Vocabulary Preview

- downturn
- upper class
- boom
- occupancy
- safety net
- tent cities
- unthinkable
- compounding

## Pre-Watching Questions

1. Who is the man featured in the video?
2. What happened to him?
3. How much does he pay for rent?
4. What was his former job?
5. Where does he work now? What is his current occupation?

## The Video

*Instruction: Click on the link below and watch the video by pressing the "Play" button.*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KaxgmmjNrpA>

## Post-Watching Questions

1. What can you say about the video?
2. Are there a lot of poor people in your country?
3. Why do you think so many people are poor? What are the causes of poverty? What are the factors contributing to poverty?
4. Is there a sustainable source of food in Japan? Or is there an imbalance distribution of food and resources?
5. What do you think it's like to be poor? What kind of problems do poor people have?
6. Does the government have a role in eliminating or reducing poverty?
7. What do you think of people who buy expensive brands when so much poverty exists in the world? Is it morally right to spend a lot of money on material things like clothes and jewelry, rather than helping people in need?
8. Is poverty different in rich countries than in poor countries? How can the rich countries help the poor countries?
9. Why do you think the rich are growing richer, and the poor are growing poorer?
10. Is it possible for the world to make poverty disappear? How would the world be different if there was no poverty?
11. Would you pay more taxes, if this would eliminate poverty by creating jobs for everyone?
12. What would you do if one day you suddenly become poor?