

STUDENTS' STATEMENT FOR PEACE

Hi. We're students from _____ at _____ and today we're standing for¹ peace. Yeah. Well, that's easy. Everybody's for peace². I bet³ anybody you ask will tell⁴ you they're for peace. Well, almost⁵ anybody.

So, if everybody is for peace, what's the problem? Some people might say⁶ that's a stupid question. We don't think so. We're students. Nobody expects⁷ us to have the answers, but maybe we can try⁸ to ask the right questions.

- We can ask, for instance, how come⁹, if we are all for peace, we still can't find homes for refugees¹⁰ who are fleeing¹¹ wars they didn't start¹²?
- Or we can ask how come we spend¹³ millions every year on weapons¹⁴ and technology for war¹⁵? They say we need to do this to be able to defend ourselves and to fight for¹⁶ peace, but why then do our governments sell¹⁷ arms to countries where there are no civil rights, no human rights, women are treated as property and kids are exploited?
- We can study how conflicts can be peacefully¹⁸ resolved when committed¹⁹ people have the courage²⁰ to come together²¹ and not give up²² the fight in spite of²³ difficulties and setbacks²⁴.
- We can ask if there can really be peace without justice, tolerance and respect.
- We can learn²⁵ how people have used nonviolence and nonviolent grassroots²⁶ organization to fight for justice and to stand up²⁷ against²⁸ inequality.

There are lots of questions we can ask if we are going to talk about peace. People don't realize²⁹ sometimes how powerful³⁰ asking the right questions can be. So let's get started³¹.

¹ To stand for, stood for, stood for. To support a cause or principle: Defensar, donar la cara, donar suport, recolzar.

² To be for. *Everybody is for peace*: Estar a favor de. *Tothom està a favor de la pau*

³ To bet, bet, bet. To risk money on the result of a game or competition. Something you say to show that you are sure something is true or will happen: Apostar, segur que (informal).

⁴ To tell, told, told. To say something to someone, usually giving them information: Explicar, contar, dir

⁵ Almost. Nearly: Gairebé

⁶ To say, said, said. To say someone about a fact or opinion: Dir

⁷ To expect -ed -ed. To think that something will happen: Esperar, contemplar

⁸ To try -ied -ied. To attempt to do something: Intentar

⁹ *How come*: Com és que

¹⁰ Refugee, refugees. Someone who has been forced to leave their country especially because of a war: Refugiats, refugiats

¹¹ To flee, fled, fled. To leave a place quickly because you are in danger: Fugir

¹² To start -ed -ed = To begin, began, begun. To begin to happen or to make something begin to happen: Començar, iniciar,

¹³ To spend, spent, spent. To use money to buy or pay for something:: Gastar, invertir

¹⁴ Weapon. Guns. A thing designed or used for inflicting bodily harm or physical damage: Armament, armes

¹⁵ War. Technology for war, Military Technology. Fighting using soldiers and weapons, between two or more countries: Guerra.

¹⁶ To fight for, fought for, fought for. To struggle, to overcome, eliminate or prevent Lluitar per

¹⁷ To sell, sold, sold. To give or hand over something in exchange for money. Vendre, exportar

¹⁸ Peacefully. Quiet and Calm. Without Violence: Pacíficament

¹⁹ Committed. Loyal and giving a lot of your time and energy to something: Compromès

²⁰ Courage. The quality that makes you able to do dangerous or difficult things. Coratge, valor

²¹ To come together. To start working successfully with each other: Treballar plegats, començar a treballar plegats

²² To keep on, kept on, kept on. To continue to do something: Continuar

²³ In spite of, despite. Although something exists or happens: Malgrat, ; 'a pesar de'

²⁴ Setback. Something that happens that delays or prevents a process from developing: Obstacle, contratemps

²⁵ To learn, learnt, learnt or learn -ed -ed. To start to understand that you must change the way you behave: Aprendre

²⁶ Grassroots. the ordinary people in a society or an organization, especially a political party: De base

²⁷ To stand up against, stoop up against, stood up against -- To stand up for, stood up for, stood up for: To oppose and attack -- To defend or support an idea or person who is being criticized or attacked: Lluitar en contra o a favor. Prendre partit en contra o a favor.

²⁸ Against: en contra de, contra

²⁹ To realize -d -d. To notice or understand something that you did not notice or understand before: Adonar-se

³⁰ Powerful. Power. Able to control or influence people or things. Very strong: Poderós. Poder

³¹ *Let's get started!*: Comencem!