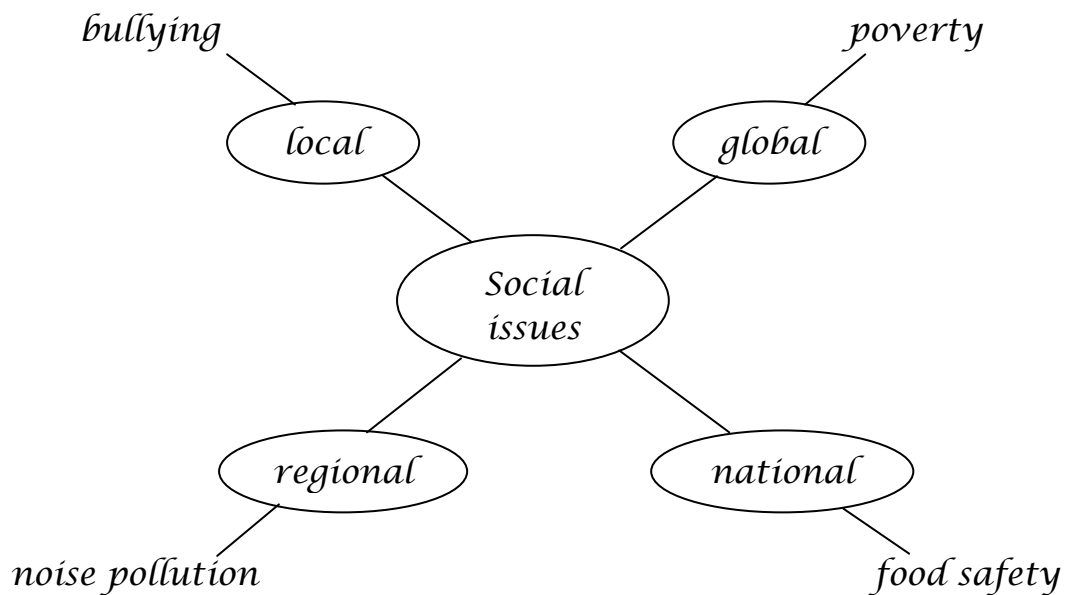


## Brainstorming: What are Social Issues?

What are social issues? A social issue can be seen as any issue that has an impact on individuals in society. There are many types of social issues that affect people:

1. **Global Issues:** social issues that affect the entire world;
2. **National Issues or Regional Issues:** social issues that affect a particular country or region (e.g. China, Hong Kong); or
3. **Local issues:** social issues that affect people more locally in their communities, schools or places of work.

Work in pairs or small groups and brainstorm some examples of social issues that impact on people around the world.



**Discuss:** Which of these issues have the greatest impact on your life? Why?