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Global Interdependence

1. Sing-Along and Read-Along with Me

Our world is **physically** as huge as ever, but some people say it **shrinks** each day.

Economies from all corners of the globe are becoming interdependent.

Major **corporations** are less **centralized**, with overseas headquarters.

What's made in one place is often purchased in another; such is the nature of globalization.

Some countries function primarily as producers, **churning** out many products.

Assembly plants and other factories **dot** the landscapes of these areas.

Other economies are more **service-based**; they're built around consumers.

They tend to import more than they export.

They provide jobs for **manufacturers** abroad.

As we become a global society, there are things we should consider.

Natural resources like **fossil fuels** and metals exist in **finite reserves**.

Since we all depend on such resources, we'll have to **cooperate** and share what we have across national **boundaries** if we would like a peaceful future.

Another resource that should **transcend** country lines is the resource of knowledge.

Knowledge is **precious** and is required for the human race to survive and **thrive**.

In the coming years and centuries, we will face many pressing challenges.

The only way to ensure they're **overcome** is to work together and **pool** our knowledge.



2. Vocabulary

English		Definitions
1.	Physically	Relating to physical condition
2.	Shrinks	A form of the verb “shrink”; when something “shrinks” it becomes smaller
3.	Corporations (pl.)	Companies recognized by law as single bodies with their own powers and liabilities, separate from those of the individual members; the most common form of business organizations
4.	Centralized	A form of the verb “centralize”; to be “centralized” means to be concentrated in one particular physical space
5.	Globalization	The process of increasing interconnectedness between various markets around the globe
6.	Churning	A form of the verb “churn”; in this context, “churning” means to manufacture at an agitated and feverous speed
7.	Assembly plants (pl.)	Buildings or factories where small components are put together to form a larger product
8.	Dot	In this context, to “dot” means to be scattered across.
9.	Service-based	Focused on service as the fundamental principle
10.	Manufacturers (pl.)	Producers; makers
11.	Fossil fuels (pl.)	Fuels that contain carbon and are derived from pre-historical plants or animals

12.	Finite reserves (pl.)	Limited quantities of something that have been set aside and stored; in this context, referring to natural resources
13.	Cooperate	To work together for a joined purpose
14.	Boundaries (pl.)	Lines that create separation or indicate limits between two things
15.	Transcend	To go beyond boundaries or limits
16.	Precious	Highly valuable
17.	Thrive	To grow successfully
18.	Overcome	To conquer; to solve
19.	Pool	In this context, to “pool” means to gather together.

