Helping those who need it most –
UNICEF during the COVID-19 pandemic

1 **Match the words (1-5) with their definitions (A-F). Be careful! There is one definition that you do not need to use.**

1 a pandemic	A when you go back to a situation you were in before
2 a billion	B a disease that affects people all over the world
3 an official	C something important, which you have to do first
4 a government	D an important person in an organisation
5 a return	E 1,000,000,000 (a million million)
	F the people who make the decisions about a country's laws and taxes

2 **Read the text and choose the correct answers A, B or C.**

UNICEF is the United Nations Children's Fund, which has been working to help children and mothers since 1946. It focuses on helping young people who face big problems and difficulties in the world. One such dramatic problem is COVID-19 pandemic, which has changed the world for the worse in many ways. To stop it, at the beginning of the pandemic students were asked to have classes online. UNICEF says that 1.6 billion children all over the world learn from home now. But things are changing for the better.

In March 2021, 51 countries decided to go back to teaching students at school. However, many children on 6 continents still have to learn from home. UNICEF officials say that reopening schools should be one of the most important decisions for governments. When this happens, however, students will need help to return to the new reality.

1. UNICEF has been helping for
    A 75 years.
    B 46 years
    C 21 years.
2. UNICEF helps
    A only children.
    B only mothers.
    C mothers and children.

3. How many countries had classes at school in March 2021?
    A 1946
    B 51
    C 6
4. UNICEF officials
    A want to open new schools after the pandemic.
    B think that all schools must open now.
    C believe that children will need a lot of help after the pandemic.

3 **Work in groups. Answer the questions.**

1   Which is better: learning online at home or learning at school? Why?
2   What do you miss most about having classes at school?
3   Can you remember where every student sat in your English classes before online education?