

## Addressing the critics



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It's all good and fine to write a nice, persuasive essay urging us to stop give our time or money to an organization dedicated to feeding hungry kids in the developing world. In fact, it seems like an awful lot of the statistics speak for themselves: **25,000 kids die every day from diseases related to hunger and nutrition, one in four children don't get the nutrition they need, and as little as a couple bucks a day could provide healthy meals for several kids.** With statistics like these it would seem like there is no reason at all not to get involved by donating a little bit of time or money.

Yet, there are some people who think that donating through organizations like **Save the Children** and **World Vision** (two of the largest charitable organizations in the world who focus on child hunger issues) is not a good idea. They claim that even **World Vision, who has a relatively inexpensive operating model, spends up to 25 percent of each dollar donated on overhead.** **Fredrik Erixson**, chief BBC economist, says that **trade, not aid, is what has helped lift Asian nations out of poverty.** **Dambisa Moyo**, a Zambian-born, Harvard-educated economist, claims that **aid is creating a culture of dependancy, discourages savings, and chokes off legitimate economic investment.**

### Your Task:

- Pick a side here, a “thumbs up or thumbs down” choice.
- Address your critics! Here's how:

#### 1. Tell us what the paragraph will be about.

*There are those who believe that...*

#### 2. Tell us why those folks are wrong.

*However, this view is incorrect because...*

#### 3. Give us more than one reason.

*Additionally, it is important to note that...*