Activity 1
What does globalisation mean to you? With your partner brainstorm all the words and phrases you associate with globalisation.

Activity 2
What are the advantages and disadvantages of globalisation? Look at the following words and phrases then write them in the correct column below. Add any others you can think of.

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<th>Advantages</th>
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<td>multi-ethnic/multi-cultural society</td>
<td>multi-national corporations</td>
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<td>fast food/fizzy drinks</td>
<td>English as a global language</td>
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<td>globally popular films and songs</td>
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Activity 3
Fill the gaps in the sentences below with the following idioms in the correct form.

the best of both worlds  set the world on fire  not for all the world
in a world of one’s own  dead to the world

1. He didn’t hear the phone ringing because he was sound asleep. He was ....................................
2. ‘Would you like to live and work abroad?’ ‘No! .....................................................!’
3. You could say that J.K. Rowling ......................... with her Harry Potter books. They are so popular all over the world.
4. She lives on the edge of London so she gets ............................................ – easy access to the city centre and easy access to the countryside.
5. He’s not concentrating on what the teacher is saying, he is just staring into space. I think he’s ..................................................

Activity 4
Read the following questions and use them to start a conversation with your partner. For each question consider the following points:

food  family  traditions  music  education  clothes  travel  trade  communication  etc.

1. How has globalisation affected your country?
2. How has globalisation affected you personally?
3. Do you think that globalisation will affect you more or less in the future?
4. In what ways do you think globalisation will benefit the world in the future?
5. Who do you think benefits most/least from globalisation? Why?
Activity 5
Go to EnglishClub.com and click on the ‘TP Homework’ icon. Use the information you find there to answer the questions below.

1. According to the article, which is the correct spelling: ‘globalisation’ or ‘globalization’?
2. Which three organisations in the field of global economics are mentioned in the article?
3. Is the article ‘for’, ‘against’ or ‘neutral’ about globalisation?
4. What is the answer to the Quick Quiz?

Activity 6

‘Globalisation: is it good or bad?’

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