

# GIPS STEP ONE

## Step 1 – Challenges: Helpful Tips

Challenges include those that *cause* the Future Scene or challenges that *result* from the circumstances within the Future Scene. Write your challenges as statements rather than comparisons. Note the following examples:

1. Cause Example: *If ships that bring people and supplies to Antarctica leak fuel or oil, then they could harm many of the animals living in the waters surrounding Antarctica.*
2. Result Example: *If sea animals living in the waters surrounding Antarctica (like krill) are harmed by oil spills, then there might be a disruption in the food chain of the animals living near Antarctica which could result in endangerment or even extinction.*

**Model # 1:** *Because Guyana is the first MATCH recipient in 2043, other developing countries may find it unfair that they may not receive aid as soon. As a result of this, tension could arise between Guyana and other developing countries, possibly hindering Guyana’s economy as the other countries may no longer desire to invest in Guyana.*

This is a typical generic format for use in times when research are not applicable. Consider this model under time constraints. Use your judgment when evaluating a competition.

**Model # 2 :** *According to ABC HISTORY magazine’s 2009 article on war, 20 countries were in an economic depression because one country was unfairly given more aid by the League of Nations in 1925 leading to countries putting up tariffs against Germany; thus crushing the Germany’s economy. Since Guyana is the first MATCH recipient in 2043, one economic problem which may occur is that other developing countries may find it unfair that they may not receive aid as quickly. As a result, a trade war could arise between Guyana and other developing countries, possibly hindering Guyana’s economic development.*

This model incorporates research and establishes connections to the Future Scene. It provides more thoughtful context and demonstrates the team’s knowledge and ability to apply their research of the Annual Topic.



### Structure

You should generally structure your challenges in the following way:

- *What is the challenge?*
- *Why is it a challenge?*
- *How is it related to the Future Scene?*

### Strategy

Identifying challenges that result from the Future Scene is important, but remember to identify the causes that created the Future Scene. Students identify an underlying problem in Step 2, so significant attention should be given to challenges that cause the Future Scene.

Quality is sometimes more important than quantity. Your goal is all well-written challenges, but 12 fully developed challenges are better than a full slate that partially addresses the what, why, and how.