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## **Level 1**

### **U.N. says refugee numbers at record level**

**22nd June, 2016**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people-1.html>

Last year was a record for refugee numbers. The United Nations (U.N.) said 65.3 million people were forced to leave their home or country, up by five million from 2014. The 2015 figure is 50 per cent higher than five years ago. One in every 113 people in the world is now a refugee. Twenty-four people are displaced every minute. Two-thirds of the forcibly displaced are refugees in their own country. It was World Refugee Day on June the 20th.

The biggest reason for the record number of refugees is war, especially in Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan. Over 98,000 asylum requests in 2015 were from unaccompanied children. This is the highest number ever. Ninety per cent of refugees are from poorer countries. Refugees have big problems at borders. These include fences in Europe, immigration laws, and hate. The U.N. said the answer is, "political action to stop conflicts".

Sources: <http://www.voanews.com/content/global-forced-displacements-reach-record-breaking-levels/3383451.html>  
<http://www.reuters.com/article/us-refugees-un-idUSKCN0Z60BN>  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/worldviews/wp/2016/06/20/1-in-every-113-human-beings-right-now-is-forcibly-displaced-from-their-home/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                        |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Last year was a                  | a. every minute        |
| 2. forced                           | b. own country         |
| 3. 50 per cent higher               | c. to leave their home |
| 4. One in                           | d. record              |
| 5. Twenty-four people are displaced | e. than five years ago |
| 6. Two-thirds of the                | f. on June the 20th    |
| 7. refugees in their                | g. forcibly displaced  |
| 8. It was World Refugee Day         | h. every 113 people    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The biggest reason              | a. laws                  |
| 2. Over 98,000                     | b. from poorer countries |
| 3. This is the highest number      | c. action                |
| 4. Ninety per cent of refugees are | d. conflicts             |
| 5. Refugees have big problems at   | e. ever                  |
| 6. immigration                     | f. for the record        |
| 7. the answer is political         | g. asylum requests       |
| 8. stop                            | h. borders               |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people-1.html>

Last year (1) \_\_\_\_\_ refugee numbers. The United Nations (U.N.) said 65.3 million people (2) \_\_\_\_\_ leave their home or country, up by five million from 2014. The 2015 figure is 50 per cent (3) \_\_\_\_\_ years ago. One in every 113 people in the world is (4) \_\_\_\_\_. Twenty-four people are displaced every minute. (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the forcibly displaced are refugees (6) \_\_\_\_\_ country. It was World Refugee Day on June the 20th.

The biggest (7) \_\_\_\_\_ record number of refugees is war, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan. Over 98,000 (9) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2015 were from unaccompanied children. This is the highest (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Ninety per cent of refugees are from poorer countries. Refugees have big (11) \_\_\_\_\_. These include fences in Europe, immigration laws, and hate. The U.N. said the answer is, "political action (12) \_\_\_\_\_".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# REFUGEES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about refugees in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.  
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

