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## **Level 0**

### **Christmas cards show nativity in Syria war zone**

**1st December, 2016**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161201-christmas-cards-0.html>

The Doctors of the World charity is selling Christmas cards. They show traditional Christmas scenes with images of the war in Syria. The charity wants people to remember the suffering in Syria. The cards show Mary and Joseph, Jesus and the three wise men. They are in destroyed towns with missiles and warplanes in the sky.

The charity's website says people must remember that millions of people have no home because of war. Money from the cards will give medicine and healthcare to those who need it the most. The money will help to offer hope. The UN says that 65 million people have left their homes because of war.

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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161201-christmas-cards-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                             |                     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The Doctors of the World | a. with missiles    |
| 2. selling                  | b. Christmas scenes |
| 3. They show traditional    | c. charity          |
| 4. images of the war        | d. in the sky       |
| 5. the suffering in         | e. in Syria         |
| 6. the three wise           | f. men              |
| 7. destroyed towns          | g. Christmas cards  |
| 8. warplanes                | h. Syria            |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                             |               |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 1. The charity's            | a. the cards  |
| 2. people must              | b. no home    |
| 3. millions of people have  | c. of war     |
| 4. Money from               | d. the most   |
| 5. medicine and             | e. website    |
| 6. those who need it        | f. help       |
| 7. The money will           | g. remember   |
| 8. left their homes because | h. healthcare |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The Doctors of the World charity (1) \_\_\_\_\_  
Christmas cards. They (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Christmas  
scenes (3) \_\_\_\_\_ the war in Syria. The charity  
wants people (4) \_\_\_\_\_ suffering in Syria. The  
cards show Mary and Joseph, Jesus (5) \_\_\_\_\_  
wise men. They are (6) \_\_\_\_\_ towns with  
missiles and warplanes in the sky.

The charity's (7) \_\_\_\_\_ people must remember  
that millions of people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ because of  
war. Money (9) \_\_\_\_\_ will give medicine and  
healthcare (10) \_\_\_\_\_ need it the most. The  
money (11) \_\_\_\_\_ offer hope. The UN says that  
65 million people have left their homes  
(12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHRISTMAS CARDS SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1612/161201-christmas-cards-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Christmas cards 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) \_\_\_\_\_

