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**Level 6 – 28th February, 2019**

## UN in record aid appeal for Yemen

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

The United Nations has launched an appeal to raise a whopping \$4.2 billion in aid to help alleviate the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. It is the largest ever appeal made by the UN. It comes after the country has been ravaged by years of war and is on the brink of famine. The UN said it needs the money to help over 19 million people in the war-torn nation. It estimates that nearly a quarter of a million Yemenis are suffering from malnutrition and are close to dying from starvation. The UN said that around 80 per cent of the population needed urgent humanitarian assistance and protection. A UN spokesperson said the suffering of the people in Yemen has reached a scale not seen in living memory.

The UN announced it had finally gained access to food stored at warehouses in the Red Sea port city of Hudaydah. There is enough food stored there to feed around 3.7 million people for a month. The port has been inaccessible for the past six months because of heavy fighting in the area. The UN was worried because the food was at risk of rotting. The UN said government forces and Houthi rebels could start to withdraw from around the city soon. It added: "It has really been a horrific year for millions and millions of people in Yemen, who are literally balancing on the edge of famine and starvation. They need massive amounts of aid, water, sanitation, and education for their children."

Sources: <https://www.voanews.com/a/un-pledging-conference-seeks-record-4-2-billion-for-yemen-crisis/4801876.html>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-47365783>  
<https://www.thenational.ae/world/mena/uae-and-saudi-arabia-announce-1-billion-joint-humanitarian-aid-for-yemen-1.830500>

# WARM-UPS

**1. YEMEN:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Yemen. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

appeal / humanitarian / crisis / war / malnutrition / starvation / suffering / memory / access / warehouses / food / heavy fighting / rotting / horrific / millions / education

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. HUMANITARIAN CRISES:** Students A **strongly** believe there will be no more humanitarian crises in 50 years; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. AID:** Where could the aid go in Yemen? Would it work? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Could It Help?	Would It Work?
Water		
Sanitation		
Education		
Housing		
Health		
Jobs		

**5. APPEAL:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "appeal". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

**6. RAISING MONEY:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best ways of raising money at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- petitions to governments
- bake sales
- sponsored walks
- street collections
- lotteries
- car boot sales
- concerts
- web pages

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. launched     | a. Make suffering or a lack of something less severe; make a situation better.    |
| 2. whopping     | b. Extreme scarcity of food.  |
| 3. alleviate    | c. Started or set in motion an activity, campaign, project or business.           |
| 4. ravaged      | d. Very, very large.  |
| 5. on the brink | e. Caused severe and extensive damage to.   |
| 6. famine       | f. A point at which something, typically something unwelcome, is about to happen. |
| 7. suffering    | g. The state of undergoing pain, distress, or hardship.                           |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. inaccessible | h. Really; in reality.   |
| 9. rotting      | i. Unable to be reached.   |
| 10. rebel       | j. There being an intense feeling of fear, shock, or disgust.                        |
| 11. horrific    | k. Suffering or death caused by hunger.  |
| 12. literally   | l. The process of decaying and becoming bad.   |
| 13. starvation  | m. The public health provision of clean drinking water and adequate sewage disposal. |
| 14. sanitation  | n. A person who opposes or fights in armed resistance against a government or ruler. |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The UN wants over \$4 billion in aid for Yemen. **T / F**
- b. The UN appeal for aid for Yemen is the UN's biggest ever appeal. **T / F**
- c. The UN wants to help over 19 million people in Yemen. **T / F**
- d. A UN spokesperson said the suffering is the worst in human history. **T / F**
- e. A food warehouse in the city of Hudaydah is still closed. **T / F**
- f. Most of the food in the warehouse has rotted. **T / F**
- g. Houthi rebels are refusing to leave the city of Hudaydah. **T / F**
- h. The UN wants to spend part of the aid on sanitation. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| 1. <b>appeal</b>       | a. pull out   |
| 2. <b>whopping</b>     | b. poor diet  |
| 3. <b>ravaged</b>      | c. decaying   |
| 4. <b>malnutrition</b> | d. ruined     |
| 5. <b>suffering</b>    | e. sufficient |
| 6. <b>stored</b>       | f. plea       |
| 7. <b>enough</b>       | g. actually   |
| 8. <b>rotting</b>      | h. hardship   |
| 9. <b>withdraw</b>     | i. huge       |
| 10. <b>literally</b>   | j. kept       |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. an appeal to raise a               | a. of famine                 |
| 2. alleviate the humanitarian         | b. of famine                 |
| 3. the country has been ravaged       | c. food stored at warehouses |
| 4. on the brink                       | d. by years of war           |
| 5. reached a scale not seen           | e. for millions              |
| 6. it had finally gained access to    | f. crisis in Yemen           |
| 7. The port has been                  | g. of rotting                |
| 8. the food was at risk               | h. in living memory          |
| 9. It has really been a horrific year | i. inaccessible              |
| 10. literally balancing on the edge   | j. whopping \$4.2 billion    |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

The United Nations has launched an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to raise a whopping \$4.2 billion in aid to help alleviate the humanitarian (2) \_\_\_\_\_ in Yemen. It is the largest ever appeal made by the UN. It comes after the country has been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ by years of war and is on the brink of famine. The UN said it needs the money to help over 19 million people in the war-torn nation. It (4) \_\_\_\_\_ that nearly a quarter of a million Yemenis are suffering from malnutrition and are close to dying from (5) \_\_\_\_\_. The UN said that around 80 per cent of the population needed (6) \_\_\_\_\_ humanitarian assistance and protection. A UN spokesperson said the (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the people in Yemen has reached a scale not seen in living (8) \_\_\_\_\_.

*crisis*  
*estimates*  
*memory*  
*appeal*  
*urgent*  
*ravaged*  
*suffering*  
*starvation*

The UN announced it had finally gained (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to food stored at warehouses in the Red Sea port city of Hodaydah. There is enough food stored there to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ around 3.7 million people for a month. The port has been (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for the past six months because of heavy fighting in the area. The UN was worried because the food was at risk of (12) \_\_\_\_\_. The UN said government forces and Houthi rebels could start to withdraw from around the city soon. It added: "It has really been a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ year for millions and millions of people in Yemen, who are (14) \_\_\_\_\_ balancing on the edge of famine and starvation. They need (15) \_\_\_\_\_ amounts of aid, water, (16) \_\_\_\_\_, and education for their children."

*rotting*  
*access*  
*massive*  
*horrific*  
*sanitation*  
*inaccessible*  
*feed*  
*literally*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

- 1) The United Nations has launched an appeal to raise \_\_\_\_\_ \$4.2 billion
  - a. a whipping
  - b. a walloping
  - c. a whopper
  - d. a whopping
- 2) the country has been ravaged by years of war and is on \_\_\_\_\_ famine
  - a. the brink of
  - b. the blink of
  - c. the drink of
  - d. the blank of
- 3) Yemenis are suffering from malnutrition and are close to dying \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. from stave nation
  - b. from starve nation
  - c. from starvation
  - d. from star nation
- 4) 80 per cent of the population needed urgent humanitarian assistance \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and pro-tech shun
  - b. and pro detect shun
  - c. and pro detection
  - d. and protection
- 5) suffering of the people in Yemen has reached a scale not seen in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. living memorial
  - b. living memories
  - c. living memorise
  - d. living memory
- 6) The UN announced it had finally gained access to \_\_\_\_\_ warehouses
  - a. food stored at
  - b. foodie stored that
  - c. fodder stored at
  - d. fodder stored that
- 7) The port has been inaccessible for the past six months because of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. heavily fighting
  - b. heavy fighting
  - c. heavies fighting
  - d. heavenly fighting
- 8) The UN was worried because the food was at \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. risqué of rotting
  - b. risky of rotting
  - c. risk off rotting
  - d. risk of rotting
- 9) millions of people in Yemen, who are literally balancing on the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. edgy of famine
  - b. edge of famine
  - c. edged of famine
  - d. hedge of famine
- 10) They need massive amounts of aid, water, \_\_\_\_\_ education
  - a. satiation, and
  - b. starvation, and
  - c. sanitation, and
  - d. stagnation, and

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

The United Nations has launched an (1) \_\_\_\_\_ a whopping \$4.2 billion in aid (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. It is the largest ever appeal made by the UN. It comes after the country has been (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of war and is on the brink of famine. The UN said it needs the money to help over 19 million people in the war-torn nation. It estimates that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ of a million Yemenis are suffering from malnutrition and are (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from starvation. The UN said that around 80 per cent of the population needed urgent humanitarian assistance and protection. A UN spokesperson said the suffering of the people in Yemen has (6) \_\_\_\_\_ not seen in living memory.

The UN announced it had finally (7) \_\_\_\_\_ food stored at warehouses in the Red Sea port city of Hudaydah. There is enough food stored there (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 3.7 million people for a month. The port has been inaccessible for the past six months because of heavy fighting in the area. The UN was worried because the food was at (9) \_\_\_\_\_. The UN said government forces and Houthi rebels could start to withdraw from around the city soon. It added: "It has really been (10) \_\_\_\_\_ for millions and millions of people in Yemen, who are literally (11) \_\_\_\_\_ edge of famine and starvation. They need (12) \_\_\_\_\_ aid, water, sanitation, and education for their children."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

1. How much money does the United Nations want to raise for Yemen?
2. What did the article say Yemen was on the brink of?
3. How many people does the United Nations want to help?
4. How many Yemenis are close to dying from starvation?
5. What do 80 per cent of Yemenis need urgently?
6. What has the UN finally gained access to?
7. How many people can a food store feed for one month?
8. What was the UN worried might happen to some stored food?
9. What did the UN say people were balancing on the edge of?
10. What did the UN say people needed for their children?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

- 1) How much money does the United Nations want to raise for Yemen?
  - a) \$42 billion
  - b) \$4.2 billion
  - c) \$2.4 billion
  - d) \$24 billion
- 2) What did the article say Yemen was on the brink of?
  - a) success
  - b) collapse
  - c) war
  - d) famine
- 3) How many people does the United Nations want to help?
  - a) over 19 million
  - b) exactly 19 million
  - c) around 19 million
  - d) under 19 million
- 4) How many Yemenis are close to dying from starvation?
  - a) over a quarter of a million
  - b) exactly a quarter of a million
  - c) nearly a quarter of a million
  - d) under a quarter of a million
- 5) What do 80 per cent of Yemenis need urgently?
  - a) washing powder and soap
  - b) humanitarian assistance and protection
  - c) reuniting with families
  - d) hope
- 6) What has the UN finally gained access to?
  - a) food at a warehouse
  - b) an explosives warehouse
  - c) a road link
  - d) the Internet
- 7) How many people can a food store feed for one month?
  - a) just over 3.7 million people
  - b) just under 3.7 million people
  - c) around 3.7 million people
  - d) exactly 3.7 million people
- 8) What was the UN worried might happen to some stored food?
  - a) it might rot
  - b) it might be stolen
  - c) mice might eat it
  - d) it might melt
- 9) What did the UN say people were balancing on the edge of?
  - a) famine and starvation
  - b) disaster
  - c) war
  - d) collapse
- 10) What did the UN say people needed for their children?
  - a) hope
  - b) toys
  - c) blankets
  - d) education

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

## **Role A – Sponsored Walks**

You think sponsored walks are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lotteries, concerts or web pages.

## **Role B – Lotteries**

You think lotteries are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): sponsored walks, concerts or web pages.

## **Role C – Concerts**

You think concerts are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lotteries, sponsored walks or web pages.

## **Role D – Web Pages**

You think web pages are the best way to raise money. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): lotteries, concerts or sponsored walks.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'aid' and 'appeal'.

<b>aid</b>	<b>appeal</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• launched</li><li>• ever</li><li>• brink</li><li>• torn</li><li>• close</li><li>• memory</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• finally</li><li>• enough</li><li>• past</li><li>• risk</li><li>• horrific</li><li>• massive</li></ul>
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# YEMEN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Yemen 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.

# YEMEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'aid'?
3. What do you know about Yemen?
4. Why can't the world's richest people give the \$4.2 billion?
5. Should world governments hang their heads in shame over Yemen?
6. Who is fighting whom in Yemen?
7. What would it be like to live in a war-torn country?
8. Who is responsible for people starving in Yemen?
9. What can you do to help people in Yemen?
10. How big a story is Yemen?

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# YEMEN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'Yemen'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. How can we help Yemen?
15. How did Yemen get into the mess it is in today?
16. How much will the money help?
17. How horrific do you think life is in Yemen?
18. What would you do if your country was in famine?
19. What will Yemen be like in 20 years' time?
20. What questions would you like to ask the head of the UN?

## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

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## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |                |              |              |                |
|-----|----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) lurched    | (b) latched  | (c) lunched  | (d) launched   |
| 2.  | (a) abbreviate | (b) escalate | (c) elevate  | (d) alleviate  |
| 3.  | (a) staged     | (b) ravaged  | (c) assuaged | (d) engaged    |
| 4.  | (a) tore       | (b) tear     | (c) torn     | (d) tears      |
| 5.  | (a) urgency    | (b) urgently | (c) urgent   | (d) urgencies  |
| 6.  | (a) in         | (b) on       | (c) at       | (d) of         |
| 7.  | (a) lastly     | (b) finally  | (c) end      | (d) conclusion |
| 8.  | (a) feed       | (b) freed    | (c) fraud    | (d) feud       |
| 9.  | (a) leaden     | (b) heavy    | (c) weighty  | (d) portly     |
| 10. | (a) rot        | (b) rotter   | (c) rotting  | (d) rots       |
| 11. | (a) scared     | (b) terror   | (c) horrific | (d) petrify    |
| 12. | (a) lid        | (b) rim      | (c) cliff    | (d) edge       |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. launched an eappal
2. rgvaaed by years of war
3. on the brink of emniaf
4. close to dying from vasnoatrti
5. urgent raaumhtnain assistance
6. a scale not seen in living reomym

## Paragraph 2

7. it had llnafyi gained access
8. The port has been cnesaesibcli
9. rebels could start to wadtirhw
10. It has really been a fichirro year
11. altryleli balancing on the edge
12. They need ivsamse amounts

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) city of Hudaydah. There is enough food stored there to feed around 3.7 million people for a month. The port has been inaccessible
- ( ) crisis in Yemen. It is the largest ever appeal made by the UN. It comes after the country has been
- ( ) needed urgent humanitarian assistance and protection. A UN spokesperson said the suffering
- ( ) over 19 million people in the war-torn nation. It estimates that nearly a quarter of a million Yemenis are
- ( ) risk of rotting. The UN said government forces and Houthi rebels could start to withdraw from around the city
- ( ) starvation. They need massive amounts of aid, water, sanitation, and education for their children."
- ( ) soon. It added: "It has really been a horrific year for millions and millions
- ( ) for the past six months because of heavy fighting in the area. The UN was worried because the food was at
- ( ) The UN announced it had finally gained access to food stored at warehouses in the Red Sea port
- ( ) ravaged by years of war and is on the brink of famine. The UN said it needs the money to help
- ( ) of people in Yemen, who are literally balancing on the edge of famine and
- ( ) of the people in Yemen has reached a scale not seen in living memory.
- ( **1** ) The United Nations has launched an appeal to raise a whopping \$4.2 billion in aid to help alleviate the humanitarian
- ( ) suffering from malnutrition and are close to dying from starvation. The UN said that around 80 per cent of the population

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

1. whopping an raise appeal to Launched \$4.2 billion . a
2. appeal largest by the UN . The made ever
3. 19 nation . people in Over the million war-torn
4. a Yemenis quarter A of are million suffering .
5. in not a memory . seen scale living Reached
6. access to gained at Finally warehouses . stored food
7. people 3.7 Feed month . million for a around
8. because Worried at food of risk was rotting .
9. It horrific for has millions . a been year
10. on edge balancing of Literally famine . the

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1902/190228-yemen-aid-appeal.html>

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The UN announced it had *final / finally* gained access to food stored at warehouses in the Red Sea *port / portly* city of Hudaydah. There is enough food stored *then / there* to feed around 3.7 million people for a month. The port has been inaccessible for the *passed / past* six months because of *heavy / heavily* fighting in the area. The UN was worried because the food was at risk of *rotten / rotting*. The UN said government forces and Houthi rebels could start to *withdraw / deposit* from around the city soon. It added: "It has really been a *horrific / horrify* year for millions and millions of people in Yemen, who are literally *balance / balancing* on the edge of famine and starvation. They need massive amounts of aid, water, *sanitary / sanitation*, and education for their children."

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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The UN announced that it had finally gained access to the disputed areas in the Red Sea port city of Hodeidah. This is the first time since the conflict started that the UN has been able to access the port since the fighting began. The UN was worried because the disputed areas were at risk of retreating. The UN said government forces and Houthi rebels could start to withdraw from around the city soon. It added: "It has really been a horrific year for millions and millions of people in Yemen, who are literally starving and suffering. They need massive amounts of aid, water, sanitation, and education for their children."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. YEMEN:** Make a poster about Yemen. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. SHAME:** Write a magazine article about holding a day on which governments should hang their heads in shame over Yemen. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on Yemen. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce the crisis in Yemen. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c    2. d    3. a    4. e    5. f    6. b    7. g  
8. i    9. l    10. n    11. j    12. h    13. k    14. m

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a T    b T    c T    d F    e F    f F    g T    h F

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

- |                 |               |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. appeal       | a. plea       |
| 2. whopping     | b. huge       |
| 3. ravaged      | c. ruined     |
| 4. malnutrition | d. poor diet  |
| 5. suffering    | e. hardship   |
| 6. stored       | f. kept       |
| 7. enough       | g. sufficient |
| 8. rotting      | h. decaying   |
| 9. withdraw     | i. pull out   |
| 10. literally   | j. actually   |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- \$4.2 billion
- Famine
- Over 19 million
- Nearly a quarter of a million
- Humanitarian assistance and protection
- Food at a warehouse
- Around 3.7 million people
- It might rot
- Famine and starvation
- Education

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

- Launched an appeal to raise a whopping \$4.2billion.
- The largest ever appeal made by the UN.
- Over 19 million people in the war-torn nation.
- A quarter of a million Yemenis are suffering.
- Reached a scale not seen in living memory.
- Finally gained access to food stored at warehouses.
- Feed around 3.7 million people for a month.
- Worried because food was at risk of rotting.
- It has been a horrific year for millions.
- Literally balancing on the edge of famine.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. a    10. d

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)