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## **Level 6**

# **Europe under fire for refugee policy**

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# THE ARTICLE

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# WARM-UPS

**1. REFUGEES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about refugees. 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?

*act / immediately/ refugee / tragedy / flee / homelands / arms crossed / rescue / under fire / divisions / budget / shame / turn a blind eye / last century / umpteenth*

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

**3. HELP:** How can the following help in the crisis in the Mediterranean? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What it should do	Problems with this
The UN		
Italy		
The USA		
Libya		
The EU		
Your country		

**4. MIGRATION:** Students A **strongly** believe migration is good for the world; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. MIGRANTS:** Rank these with your partner. Put who can help most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- the EU
- Italy
- the USA
- Libya
- The Arab League
- Turkey
- the migrants' own nation
- Germany

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150422-migrants.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. The article says UNICEF has called on the EU to help refugees.           | T / F |
| b. A human rights group said the EU had its arms crossed.                   | T / F |
| c. The group said the deaths were preventable.                              | T / F |
| d. Italy's leader suggested the focus be put on boats leaving Libyan ports. | T / F |
| e. The EU cut its search-and-rescue budget by over 2/3 last year.           | T / F |
| f. The European Parliament president said Europe was doing enough.          | T / F |
| g. The president said no EU country was shirking its responsibility.        | T / F |
| h. Spain's leader said more talking was needed.                             | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. act                | a. embarrassment    |
| 2. perish             | b. stopped          |
| 3. flee               | c. take measures    |
| 4. prevented          | d. inside           |
| 5. focus on           | e. ignored          |
| 6. within             | f. die              |
| 7. shame              | g. admission        |
| 8. confession         | h. pay attention to |
| 9. turned a blind eye | i. still            |
| 10. yet               | j. escape           |

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

- |  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. act                                 | a. down efforts   |
| 2. in an attempt to                    | b. boats          |
| 3. standing by with arms               | c. within         |
| 4. singled                             | d. immediately    |
| 5. refugee                             | e. a blind eye    |
| 6. The 28-member EU is under fire from | f. flee           |
| 7. scale                               | g. responsibility |
| 8. cut its search-and-                 | h. crossed        |
| 9. run away from                       | i. rescue budget  |
| 10. it turned                          | j. out Libya      |

# GAP FILL

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*flee*  
*latest*  
*prevented*  
*arms*  
*focus*  
*act*  
*singled*  
*toll*

The 28-member EU is under fire from (9) \_\_\_\_\_ over its policy to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ down efforts to save lives at sea. Divisions began last year when the EU cut its search-and-rescue (11) \_\_\_\_\_ by two-thirds. Martin Schulz, president of the European Parliament, said: "Europe can do more and Europe must do more. It is a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ and a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ of failure how many countries run away from (14) \_\_\_\_\_." Maltese PM Joseph Muscat warned: "We will all be judged in the same way that history has judged Europe when it turned a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ eye to the genocide of this century and last century." Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy said: "This is the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ time we hear of yet another human tragedy in the Mediterranean....Words won't do any more."

*budget*  
*shame*  
*responsibility*  
*scale*  
*umpteenth*  
*within*  
*blind*  
*confession*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) perish in an attempt to flee from their \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. troubles homelands
  - b. travelled homelands
  - c. troubled homelands
  - d. trebled homelands
- 2) This brings the death \_\_\_\_\_ 1,000
  - a. poll to over
  - b. toll to over
  - c. doll to over
  - d. toil to over
- 3) The EU is standing by with arms crossed while hundreds \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. die of its shores
  - b. die off its shores
  - c. die often its shores
  - d. die oft its shores
- 4) might well have been prevented if the EU had launched a genuine search-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and-rescue efforts
  - b. and-rescue effect
  - c. and-rescue affect
  - d. and-rescue effort
- 5) Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi singled out Libya as \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the key problem
  - b. the quay problem
  - c. the keys problem
  - d. the quays problem
- 6) The 28-member EU is under fire from within over its policy to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. scale up efforts
  - b. scale down efforts
  - c. scale town efforts
  - d. scaled down efforts
- 7) the EU cut its search-and-rescue budget \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. by three-thirds
  - b. by two-third
  - c. by two-thirds
  - d. by tooth-thirds
- 8) It is a shame and a confession of failure how many countries \_\_\_\_\_ responsibility
  - a. runaway from
  - b. runner way from
  - c. run away from
  - d. run a way from
- 9) history has judged Europe when it \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. turned a blind ear
  - b. turned a blind air
  - c. turned a blind eye
  - d. turned a blind eye
- 10) This is the \_\_\_\_\_ we hear of yet another human tragedy
  - a. fourteenth time
  - b. thirteenth time
  - c. umpteenth time
  - d. fifteenth time

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150422-migrants.html>

1. What is the name of the organisation calling on the EU to act?

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2. Where were the refugees fleeing from?

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3. What did a human rights spokesperson say the EU had crossed?

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4. What did a human rights group say could have stopped this tragedy?

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5. On which ports did Italy's leader say we needed to focus?

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6. What were created last year in the 28-member EU?

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7. By how much did the EU cut the search-and-rescue budget?

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8. Who is Joseph Muscat?

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9. What word did a leader use that functions like an ordinal number?

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10. What did Spain's leader suggest we have had enough of?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150422-migrants.html>

1. What is the name of the organisation calling on the EU to act?
  - a) Watch Human Rights
  - b) Rights Watch Human
  - c) Human Rights Watch
  - d) Human Watch Rights
2. Where were the refugees fleeing from?
  - a) their homelands
  - b) an earthquake
  - c) soldiers
  - d) economic misery
3. What did a human rights spokesperson say the EU had crossed?
  - a) arms
  - b) legs
  - c) fingers
  - d) toes
4. What did a human rights group say could have stopped this tragedy?
  - a) U.N. peacekeepers
  - b) a search-and-rescue effort
  - c) nothing
  - d) favourable weather
5. On which ports did Italy's leader say we needed to focus?
  - a) Syria's
  - b) Somalia's
  - c) Italy's
  - d) Libya's
6. What were created last year in the 28-member EU?
  - a) rescue teams
  - b) divisions
  - c) rules
  - d) laws
7. By how much did the EU cut the search-and-rescue budget?
  - a) two-thirds
  - b) three-quarters
  - c) four-fifths
  - d) nine-tenths
8. Who is Joseph Muscat?
  - a) a human rights spokesperson
  - b) a refugee
  - c) the leader of Malta
  - d) the head of the UN's agency for refugees
9. What word did a leader use that that functions like an ordinal number?
  - a) colocynth
  - b) labyrinth
  - c) plinth
  - d) umpteenth
10. What did Spain's leader suggest we have had enough of?
  - a) words
  - b) wars
  - c) promises
  - d) bad seas

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – The EU**

You think the EU is the best-positioned to deal with the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries / organisations aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst-equipped of these (and why): the USA, the Arab League or the United Nations.

## **Role B – The USA**

You think the USA is the best-positioned to deal with the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries / organisations aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst-equipped of these (and why): the EU, the United Nations or the Arab League.

## **Role C – The Arab League**

You think the Arab League is the best-positioned to deal with the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries / organisations aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst-equipped of these (and why): the USA, the EU or the United Nations.

## **Role D – The United Nations**

You think the United Nations is the best-positioned to deal with the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their countries / organisations aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the worst-equipped of these (and why): the USA, the Arab League or the EU.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150422-migrants.html>

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

refugee	situation

- 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>• act</li><li>• 700</li><li>• toll</li><li>• arms</li><li>• genuine</li><li>• focus</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• over</li><li>• cut</li><li>• more</li><li>• away</li><li>• eye</li><li>• yet</li></ul>
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# REFUGEES SURVEY

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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.

# REFUGEES DISCUSSION

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

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'refugee'?
- 3) What do you know about the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean?
- 4) Why are there so many refugees in the world?
- 5) What would it be like to have to flee from your homeland?
- 6) What should the European Union do from now?
- 7) Do you think the EU is doing enough?
- 8) Should more resources be used to stop boats from leaving Libya?
- 9) What levels of immigration should the EU accept?
- 10) Should countries outside Europe also take in the refugees?

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# REFUGEES DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) Why is the EU under fire?
- 13) What do you think each side of the EU is arguing for and against?
- 14) How big a shame for Europe is it that it cut its budget?
- 15) How will the world and history judge Europe over this issue?
- 16) To what degree is Europe turning a blind eye?
- 17) How can the world help countries from which refugees are fleeing?
- 18) What would you do if you were the EU boss?
- 19) What do you think the situation will be like 10 years from now?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the EU's boss?

# 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

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

- |     |                   |               |               |                 |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| 1.  | (a) as            | (b) in        | (c) up        | (d) on          |
| 2.  | (a) immediateness | (b) immediacy | (c) immediate | (d) immediately |
| 3.  | (a) of            | (b) in        | (c) as        | (d) for         |
| 4.  | (a) poll          | (b) foil      | (c) toll      | (d) toil        |
| 5.  | (a) shears        | (b) shares    | (c) shores    | (d) shires      |
| 6.  | (a) singled       | (b) doubled   | (c) tripled   | (d) quadrupled  |
| 7.  | (a) without       | (b) within    | (c) wither    | (d) with        |
| 8.  | (a) by            | (b) of        | (c) as        | (d) at          |
| 9.  | (a) to            | (b) of        | (c) from      | (d) for         |
| 10. | (a) blue          | (b) shut      | (c) blind     | (d) glass       |
| 11. | (a) past          | (b) 20th      | (c) last      | (d) the         |
| 12. | (a) speak         | (b) be        | (c) have      | (d) do          |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. act tliayideemm
2. the latest eartdyg
3. psrieh in an attempt to flee
4. off its erssoh
5. might well have been eedvpntr
6. launched a nieguen search-and-rescue effort

## Paragraph 2

7. its pciyoI to scale down efforts
8. cut its search-and-rescue tdeubg
9. a ifnnocoess of failure
10. We will all be gdedju in the same way
11. turned a blind eye to the gcnioede
12. This is the tthpeneum time



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150422-migrants.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	judged Europe when it turned a blind eye to the genocide of this century and last century." Spanish PM Mariano Rajoy
( )	The 28-member EU is under fire from within over its policy to scale down efforts to save
( )	do more. It is a shame and a confession of failure how many countries run away from
( <b>1</b> )	The organisation Human Rights Watch (HRW) has called on the European Union (EU) to act
( )	said: "This is the umpteenth time we hear of yet another human tragedy in the Mediterranean....Words won't do any more."
( )	lives at sea. Divisions began last year when the EU cut its search-and-rescue budget by two-
( )	out Libya as the key problem and said efforts should focus on refugee boats leaving Libyan ports.
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( )	prevented if the EU had launched a genuine search-and-rescue effort." Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi singled

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. situation Act on refugee immediately the .

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2. flee from their troubled homelands Perish in an attempt to .

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3. been have well might deaths These prevented .

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4. singled key out problem Libya as Renzi the .

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5. leaving ports on boats refugee Efforts focus should Libyan .

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6. fire from - within The 28 member EU is under .

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7. down scale to policy Its sea at lives save to efforts .

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8. the all in way will judged same We be .

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9. this of genocide the to eye blind a turned It century .

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10. the umpteenth time we hear of yet another This is .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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**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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# 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 the refugees crossing the Mediterranean. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. ASYLUM:** Write a magazine article about the refugees. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against Europe granting asylum to all who cross the Mediterranean.

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 refugees. Ask him/her three questions about the current situation. Give him/her three ideas on what more Europe can do. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                       |                     |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. act                | a. take measures    |
| 2. perish             | b. die              |
| 3. flee               | c. escape           |
| 4. prevented          | d. stopped          |
| 5. focus on           | e. pay attention to |
| 6. within             | f. inside           |
| 7. shame              | g. embarrassment    |
| 8. confession         | h. admission        |
| 9. turned a blind eye | i. ignored          |
| 10. yet               | j. still            |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Human Rights Watch
2. Their homelands
3. Its arms
4. A search-and-rescue effort
5. Libyan ports
6. Divisions
7. Two-thirds
8. Malta's leader
9. Umpteenth
10. Words

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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