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Level 2

U.N. says refugee numbers at record level

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Last year was the worst ever for refugee numbers. The United Nations (U.N.) said that in 2015, 65.3 million people were forced to leave their home or country. This is up by five million from 59.5 million in 2014. The 2015 figure is a 50 per cent increase from five years ago. One in every 113 people on the planet is now either a refugee, an asylum seeker or displaced in their own country. The U.N. said: "Twenty-four people are displaced every minute [and] 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. Fighting in Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan has created the most refugees. Half of them are children. Over 98,000 asylum requests in 2015 were from unaccompanied children. This is the highest number ever seen. The U.N. said 90 per cent of refugees are from poor or middle income countries. The refugees are facing big problems at borders. These include fences in Europe, tougher 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Last year was the worst | a. seeker |
| 2. 65.3 million people were forced | b. of the forcibly displaced |
| 3. One in | c. ever |
| 4. an asylum | d. every 113 people |
| 5. Twenty-four people are displaced | e. on June the 20th |
| 6. two-thirds | f. to leave their home |
| 7. refugees in their | g. every minute |
| 8. It was World Refugee Day | h. own country |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. The biggest reason | a. problems at borders |
| 2. Half of them | b. political action |
| 3. This is the highest number ever | c. conflicts |
| 4. from poor or middle | d. for the record number |
| 5. The refugees are facing big | e. seen |
| 6. tougher immigration | f. income countries |
| 7. stop | g. laws |
| 8. the answer is | h. are children |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Last year was the (1) _____ refugee numbers. The United Nations (U.N.) said that in 2015, 65.3 million people were (2) _____ their home or country. This is up by five million from 59.5 million in 2014. The 2015 (3) _____ per cent increase from five years ago. One in every 113 people on the planet (4) _____ refugee, an asylum seeker or displaced in their own country. The U.N. said: "Twenty-four people are (5) _____ [and] two-thirds of the forcibly displaced are (6) _____ own country." It was World Refugee Day on June the 20th.

The biggest (7) _____ number of refugees is war. Fighting in Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan has (8) _____ refugees. Half of them are children. Over 98,000 (9) _____ 2015 were from unaccompanied children. This is the highest number ever seen. The U.N. said 90 per cent of refugees (10) _____ or middle income countries. The refugees are facing big (11) _____. These include fences in Europe, tougher immigration laws, and hate. The U.N. said the answer is, "political (12) _____ conflicts".

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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.

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) _____

