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## Level 6

# Germany and Austria welcome refugees

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# THE ARTICLE

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The United Nations (UN) has praised Austria and Germany for their efforts to welcome and help the refugees. It said: "This is political leadership based on humanitarian values." Germany's leader Angela Merkel said her country would welcome all refugees from Syria. Germany is expecting around 800,000 Syrians to arrive this year amid continuing uncertainty about the future of Syria. Ms Merkel told reporters that, "as a strong, economically healthy country, we have the strength to do what is necessary". One refugee, a Syrian shopkeeper said: "I'm very glad to be in Germany. I hope that I find a much better life here. I want to work." He expressed concern for his family and young children still in Syria.

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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?

*welcome / long walk / crowds / new arrivals / baskets / sweets / a long journey / extra / praised / political / leadership / values / uncertainty / healthy / a better life / concern*

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

**3. HELP:** What help should the following be giving the refugees? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Help
Syria's neighbours	
Other countries in the region	
The United Nations	
The USA	
Other superpowers	
Me	

**4. SYRIA:** Students A **strongly** believe Syria will be a peaceful country again one day; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. WELCOME:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best things to welcome the refugees at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- sweets
- smiles
- applause
- shoes
- medical check-up
- phone charges
- a blanket
- a hot drink

**6. JOURNEY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "journey". 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/1509/150908-refugees.html>

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. The article says Germany welcomed over 100,000 refugees.             | T / F |
| b. People in Germany and Austria clapped when the refugees arrived.     | T / F |
| c. The Syrian children gave sweets to Austrian and German children.     | T / F |
| d. German trains will be longer so they can fit more refugees on.       | T / F |
| e. The United Nations spoke about humanitarian leadership.              | T / F |
| f. Germany will accept no more than 800,000 refugees.                   | T / F |
| g. Angela Merkel said Germany is strong enough to do what is necessary. | T / F |
| h. A Syrian shopkeeper is worried about his family still in Syria.      | T / F |

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

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. welcomed  | a. commended    |
| 2. crowds    | b. required     |
| 3. applauded | c. throngs      |
| 4. walk      | d. endeavours   |
| 5. adding    | e. trek         |
| 6. praised   | f. at a time of |
| 7. efforts   | g. greeted      |
| 8. amid      | h. worry        |
| 9. necessary | i. clapped      |
| 10. concern  | j. putting on   |

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

- |                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Germany and Austria welcomed | a. applauded the new arrivals |
| 2. at the Austrian              | b. to its trains              |
| 3. people who                   | c. what is necessary          |
| 4. adding extra carriages       | d. uncertainty                |
| 5. doing everything it          | e. thousands of refugees      |
| 6. political                    | f. concern                    |
| 7. based                        | g. can to help                |
| 8. amid continuing              | h. leadership                 |
| 9. the strength to do           | i. border                     |
| 10. He expressed                | j. on humanitarian values     |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

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*journey*  
*arrivals*  
*extra*  
*welcomed*  
*company*  
*stations*  
*border*  
*baskets*

The United Nations (UN) has (9) \_\_\_\_\_ Austria and Germany for their efforts to welcome and help the refugees. It said: "This is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ leadership based on humanitarian (11) \_\_\_\_\_." Germany's leader Angela Merkel said her country would welcome all refugees from Syria. Germany is (12) \_\_\_\_\_ around 800,000 Syrians to arrive this year (13) \_\_\_\_\_ continuing uncertainty about the future of Syria. Ms Merkel told reporters that, "as a strong, economically healthy country, we have the (14) \_\_\_\_\_ to do what is necessary". One refugee, a Syrian shopkeeper said: "I'm very (15) \_\_\_\_\_ to be in Germany. I hope that I find a much better life here. I want to work." He expressed (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for his family and young children still in Syria.

*expecting*  
*praised*  
*strength*  
*political*  
*concern*  
*amid*  
*glad*  
*values*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

- 1) Germany and Austria welcomed thousands of refugees yesterday after their long \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. walk through Hungary
  - b. walk though Hungary
  - c. walk thou Hungary
  - d. walk thorough Hungary
- 2) crowds of local people who applauded \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the newly arrivals
  - b. the news arrivals
  - c. the anew arrivals
  - d. the new arrivals
- 3) German and Austrian children carried baskets of sweets to give to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. children of Syria
  - b. children from Syria
  - c. children by Syria
  - d. children for Syria
- 4) For many of the refugees, it was the end \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of a longing journey
  - b. of a longs journey
  - c. of a longed journey
  - d. of a long journey
- 5) German rail company Deutsche Bahn announced on Saturday that it would be \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. adding extra carriage
  - b. add in extra carriages
  - c. adding extra carriages
  - d. add in extra carriage
- 6) praised Austria and Germany for their efforts to welcome and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. helps the refugees
  - b. help the refugees
  - c. helped the refugees
  - d. helping the refugees
- 7) It said: "This is political leadership based \_\_\_\_\_."
  - a. on humanitarian value
  - b. on humanitarian values
  - c. on humanitarian valued
  - d. on humanitarian valves
- 8) Germany is expecting around 800,000 Syrians to arrive this year \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a mid continuing uncertainty
  - b. a middle continuing uncertainty
  - c. amid continuing uncertainty
  - d. aimed continuing uncertainty
- 9) as a strong, economically healthy country, we have the strength to do \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. what be necessary
  - b. what is necessary
  - c. what this necessary
  - d. what was necessary
- 10) He expressed concern for his family and young children \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. stills in Syria
  - b. stilled in Syria
  - c. stilt in Syria
  - d. still in Syria

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

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The United Nations (UN) has praised Austria and Germany for their efforts to (7) \_\_\_\_\_ refugees. It said: "This is political leadership based on humanitarian values." Germany's leader Angela Merkel said her (8) \_\_\_\_\_ all refugees from Syria. Germany is expecting around 800,000 Syrians to (9) \_\_\_\_\_ continuing uncertainty about the future of Syria. Ms Merkel told reporters that, "as a strong, economically healthy country, we (10) \_\_\_\_\_ do what is necessary". One refugee, a Syrian shopkeeper said: "I'm very glad to be in Germany. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ much better life here. I want to work." He (12) \_\_\_\_\_ his family and young children still in Syria.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

1. Who welcomed the refugees?

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2. What border was mentioned in the article?

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3. What did German children hand out?

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4. Where did the journey start for many of the refugees?

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5. What would a railway company be adding to trains?

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6. Who praised Germany and Austria?

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7. What did someone say the political leadership was based on?

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8. How many refugees is Germany expecting?

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9. What did Angela Merkel say Germany has the strength to do?

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10. What is the occupation of the Syrian mentioned in the article?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

1. Who welcomed the refugees?
  - a) the world
  - b) Austria and Germany
  - c) ambassadors
  - d) the United Nations
2. What border was mentioned in the article?
  - a) Syria's border
  - b) the long one
  - c) the Hungarian border
  - d) Austria's border (with Germany)
3. What did German children hand out?
  - a) sweets
  - b) toys
  - c) leaflets
  - d) euros
4. Where did the journey start for many of the refugees?
  - a) Hungary
  - b) Greece
  - c) Syria
  - d) Turkey
5. What would a railway company be adding to trains?
  - a) food
  - b) carriages
  - c) beds
  - d) a medical centre
6. Who praised Germany and Austria?
  - a) the UN
  - b) ambassadors
  - c) Barack Obama
  - d) Hungary
7. What did someone say the political leadership was based on?
  - a) agreement
  - b) hard work
  - c) humanitarian values
  - d) the future
8. How many refugees is Germany expecting?
  - a) 800,000
  - b) 700,000
  - c) 600,000
  - d) 500,000
9. What did Angela Merkel say Germany has the strength to do?
  - a) whatever is necessary
  - b) rebuild
  - c) build a strong economy
  - d) house 100,000 refugees
10. What is the occupation of the Syrian mentioned in the article?
  - a) lawyer
  - b) farmer
  - c) accountant
  - d) shopkeeper

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

## **Role A – Smiles**

You think smiles are the best things to welcome the refugees with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least welcoming of these (and why): a medical check-up, phone rechargers or a hot drink.

## **Role B – A medical check-up**

You think a medical check-up is the best thing to welcome the refugees with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least welcoming of these (and why): smiles, phone rechargers or a hot drink.

## **Role C – Phone rechargers**

You think phone rechargers are the best things to welcome the refugees with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least welcoming of these (and why): a medical check-up, smiles or a hot drink.

## **Role D – A hot drink**

You think a hot drink is the best thing to welcome the refugees with. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as good. Also, tell the others which is the least welcoming of these (and why): a medical check-up, phone rechargers or smiles.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

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

train	station

- 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>• long</li><li>• local</li><li>• sweets</li><li>• end</li><li>• rail</li><li>• everything</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• efforts</li><li>• based</li><li>• around</li><li>• strong</li><li>• glad</li><li>• concern</li></ul>
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# REFUGEES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.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.

# 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 think about what you read?
- 4) What do you know about the refugees going to Europe?
- 5) What do you know about the fighting between Europe's leaders?
- 6) Which countries should accept the refugees?
- 7) How do you think refugees felt when they arrived in Germany?
- 8) What more should the UN be doing to help?
- 9) What can you do to help?
- 10) What do you think of Germany?

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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 aren't other countries following Germany's example?
- 13) How will Germany accommodate all the refugees?
- 14) Why are there so many refugees in the world?
- 15) What do refugees add to their adopted country?
- 16) What is your country doing to help the refugees?
- 17) What do you think the refugee situation will be like in 5 years?
- 18) What advice would you give to the refugees?
- 19) What do you think Syria will be like in 10 years' time?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask European leaders?

# 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) welcomed   | (b) thanked   | (c) pleased   | (d) waved    |
| 2.  | (a) appraised  | (b) apprised  | (c) applauded | (d) appalled |
| 3.  | (a) departures | (b) returnees | (c) arrivals  | (d) loans    |
| 4.  | (a) journeying | (b) journal   | (c) adjourn   | (d) journey  |
| 5.  | (a) announced  | (b) renounced | (c) denounced | (d) pounced  |
| 6.  | (a) returns    | (b) carriages | (c) couplings | (d) signals  |
| 7.  | (a) parsed     | (b) speared   | (c) spared    | (d) praised  |
| 8.  | (a) at         | (b) on        | (c) of        | (d) for      |
| 9.  | (a) valuables  | (b) valueless | (c) values    | (d) valves   |
| 10. | (a) middle     | (b) amid      | (c) middling  | (d) mid      |
| 11. | (a) when       | (b) which     | (c) that      | (d) what     |
| 12. | (a) afraid     | (b) concern   | (c) scared    | (d) worrying |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. Germany and Austria welcomed tasnhdsuo
2. the new lrvaairs
3. at the Austrian odrerb
4. people who pealapddu the new arrivals
5. the end of a long yojuenr
6. adding extra rcarasgei

## Paragraph 2

7. prisdæ Austria and Germany
8. their etffsro to welcome and help the refugees
9. ainumahtnrai values
10. amid continuing tnireayuctn
11. do what is esracseyn
12. He expressed necnroc



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	The United Nations (UN) has praised Austria and Germany for their efforts to welcome and help the refugees. It said:
( )	"This is political leadership based on humanitarian values." Germany's leader Angela Merkel said her country would
( )	of local people who applauded the new arrivals and gave them water, food and clothes. German and Austrian
( )	carriages to its trains and was, "doing everything it can" to help the refugees.
( )	welcome all refugees from Syria. Germany is expecting around 800,000 Syrians to arrive this year
( <b>1</b> )	Germany and Austria welcomed thousands of refugees yesterday after their long walk
( )	healthy country, we have the strength to do what is necessary". One refugee, a Syrian
( )	countries. For many of the refugees, it was the end of a long journey that started in Syria and ended with a long
( )	walk through Hungary. German rail company Deutsche Bahn announced on Saturday that it would be adding extra
( )	amid continuing uncertainty about the future of Syria. Ms Merkel told reporters that, "as a strong, economically
( )	shopkeeper said: "I'm very glad to be in Germany. I hope that I find a much better
( )	children carried baskets of sweets to give to the children from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other
( )	through Hungary. The refugees arrived at train stations in Germany and at the Austrian border to crowds
( )	life here. I want to work." He expressed concern for his family and young children still in Syria.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

1. at train The stations refugees in arrived Germany .

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2. of who new Crowds people the local applauded arrivals .

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3. give to the children Children carried baskets of sweets to .

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4. Syria that a the started long end It in journey of was .

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5. the it refugees can to Doing help everything .

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6. values leadership based This on is humanitarian political .

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7. is expecting around 800,000 Syrians to arrive Germany .

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8. strength what the do necessary have to is We .

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9. here I hope that I find a much better life .

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10. expressed for family He concern his .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

Germany and Austria *welcomed* / *welcoming* thousands of refugees yesterday after their *long* / *length* walk through Hungary. The refugees arrived at train stations in Germany and at the Austrian *edge* / *border* to crowds of local people who *appraised* / *applauded* the new arrivals and gave them water, food and clothes. German and Austrian children carried *basket* / *baskets* of sweets to give to the children from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and *other* / *another* countries. For *much* / *many* of the refugees, it was the end of a long journey that started in Syria and *ended* / *ending* with a long walk through Hungary. German rail company Deutsche Bahn announced on Saturday that it would *be* / *now* adding extra carriages to its trains and was, "doing *everything* / *nothing* it can" to help the refugees.

The United Nations (UN) has *praised* / *appraised* Austria and Germany for their efforts to *welcoming* / *welcome* and help the refugees. It said: "This is political leadership based *on* / *at* humanitarian values." Germany's leader Angela Merkel said her country would welcome *every* / *all* refugees from Syria. Germany is *expectant* / *expecting* around 800,000 Syrians to arrive this year *amid* / *mid* continuing uncertainty about the future of Syria. Ms Merkel told reporters that, "as a strong, *economically* / *economic* healthy country, we have the strength to do *that* / *what* is necessary". One refugee, a Syrian shopkeeper said: "I'm very *glad* / *gladly* to be in Germany. I hope that I find a much better life here. I want to work." He expressed *concerning* / *concern* for his family and young children still in Syria.

**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)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1509/150908-refugees.html>

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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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 going to Germany. 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. OPEN-DOOR POLICY:** Write a magazine article about an open-door policy in Europe for all the refugees. 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 the United Nations. Ask it three questions about the refugees. Give the UN three ideas on how to help the refugees more. 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 F    d T    e F    f F    g T    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| 1. welcomed  | a. greeted      |
| 2. crowds    | b. throngs      |
| 3. applauded | c. clapped      |
| 4. walk      | d. trek         |
| 5. adding    | e. putting on   |
| 6. praised   | f. commended    |
| 7. efforts   | g. endeavours   |
| 8. amid      | h. at a time of |
| 9. necessary | i. required     |
| 10. concern  | j. worry        |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. Austria and Germany
2. Austria's border
3. Sweets
4. Syria
5. Carriages
6. The UN
7. Humanitarian values
8. 800,000
9. Whatever is necessary
10. Shopkeeper

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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 ;-)