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## Level 3

### U.N. says refugee numbers at record level

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# THE ARTICLE

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Last year was the worst year on record for the number of people who became refugees. The United Nations (U.N.) said that in 2015, over 65.3 million people were forced to leave their home or country. This is an increase of over five million from 59.5 million over the previous year. The 2015 figure is a 50 per cent increase from five years ago. It also means that one in every 113 people on the planet is now a refugee, an asylum seeker or someone displaced in their own country. The U.N. reported that: "Twenty-four people are displaced every minute." It added that two-thirds of the forcibly displaced are refugees in their own country." The figures come from the "Global Trends" report marking World Refugee Day on June the 20th.

The U.N. said the biggest reason for the record number of refugees in 2015 is war. Fighting in Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan has created the largest number of refugees. Half of them are children. The U.N. said more than 98,000 asylum requests in 2015 were made by unaccompanied children. This is the highest number ever seen. The U.N. added that: "Ninety per cent of the forcibly displaced are [from] poor or middle income countries." Many of them are escaping from wars only to face big problems at borders. These include walls and fences in Europe, tougher laws against immigration and xenophobia. The U.N. said the only way to overcome the problem is, "political action to stop conflicts".

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<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/>

# 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?

last year / refugees / increase / planet / asylum seeker / United Nations / country / record / number / fighting / half / poor / middle income / big problems / borders

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

**3. OPEN BORDERS:** Students A **strongly** believe all the world's borders should be open; Students B **strongly** believe this would be a disaster. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

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

	What they can do	Would they do it?	Why (not)?
Leaders of countries at war			
Neighbouring countries			
The United Nations			
Rich people			
Big companies			
Religions			

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

**6. REFUGEE CAMPS:** Rank these with your partner. Put the things that would help those in refugee camps most at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Internet access
- advice
- language lessons
- clothes
- contact with embassy staff
- community centres
- medicine
- blankets

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

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

- a. Over 100 million people became refugees in 2015. **T / F**
- b. One in 113 people on Earth is a refugee, asylum seeker or is displaced. **T / F**
- c. Twenty-four people are forcibly displaced every minute. **T / F**
- d. World Refugee Day was on the 20th of June. **T / F**
- e. The biggest reason for the record number of refugees is famine. **T / F**
- f. Over 198,000 unaccompanied children applied for asylum in 2015. **T / F**
- g. Ninety per cent of the forcibly displaced were very poor. **T / F**
- h. Refugees had the problem of people fearing or disliking them. **T / F**

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

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. forced        | a. biggest     |
| 2. increase      | b. remembering |
| 3. previous      | c. control     |
| 4. asylum        | d. conflict    |
| 5. marking       | e. rise        |
| 6. war           | f. lone        |
| 7. largest       | g. made        |
| 8. unaccompanied | h. fleeing     |
| 9. escaping      | i. earlier     |
| 10. overcome     | j. refuge      |

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

- |                               |                           |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Last year was the worst    | a. 113 people             |
| 2. forced to                  | b. immigration            |
| 3. one in every               | c. "Global Trends" report |
| 4. two-                       | d. to stop conflicts      |
| 5. The figures come from the  | e. income countries       |
| 6. This is the highest number | f. year on record         |
| 7. poor or middle             | g. leave their home       |
| 8. Many of them are escaping  | h. ever seen              |
| 9. tougher laws against       | i. thirds                 |
| 10. political action          | j. from wars              |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

Last year was the worst year on (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for the number of people who became refugees. The United Nations (U.N.) said that in 2015, over 65.3 million people were (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to leave their home or country. This is an increase of over five million from 59.5 million over the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ year. The 2015 figure is a 50 per cent increase from five years ago. It also means that (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in every 113 people on the planet is now a refugee, an (5) \_\_\_\_\_ seeker or someone displaced in their own country. The U.N. reported that: "Twenty-four people are displaced every (6) \_\_\_\_\_." It added that two-(7) \_\_\_\_\_ of the forcibly displaced are refugees in their own country." The (8) \_\_\_\_\_ come from the "Global Trends" report marking World Refugee Day on June the 20th.

*previous*  
*minute*  
*forced*  
*figures*  
*one*  
*record*  
*thirds*  
*asylum*

The U.N. said the biggest (9) \_\_\_\_\_ for the record number of refugees in 2015 is war. Fighting in Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan has created the (10) \_\_\_\_\_ number of refugees. Half of them are children. The U.N. said more than 98,000 asylum (11) \_\_\_\_\_ in 2015 were made by unaccompanied children. This is the highest number (12) \_\_\_\_\_ seen. The U.N. added that: "Ninety per cent of the forcibly displaced are [from] (13) \_\_\_\_\_ or middle income countries." Many of them are escaping from wars only to face big problems at (14) \_\_\_\_\_. These include walls and (15) \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe, tougher laws against immigration and xenophobia. The U.N. said the only way to overcome the problem is, "political (16) \_\_\_\_\_ to stop conflicts".

*requests*  
*borders*  
*reason*  
*action*  
*ever*  
*fences*  
*largest*  
*poor*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

- 1) Last year was the worst year on record for the number of people \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. whose became refugees
  - b. whom became refugees
  - c. who became refugees
  - d. who's became refugees
- 2) This is an increase of over five million from 59.5 million over \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. the previously year
  - b. the previous year
  - c. the previews year
  - d. the plea virus year
- 3) one in every 113 people on the planet is now a refugee, asylum \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. seeker or someone
  - b. seeker nor someone
  - c. seek her or someone
  - d. seeks her or someone
- 4) It added that two-thirds of the forcibly displaced are refugees \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in their owner country
  - b. in their Rome country
  - c. in their roam country
  - d. in their own country
- 5) The figures come from the "Global Trends" report \_\_\_\_\_ Refugee Day
  - a. making World
  - b. marking World
  - c. mark in World
  - d. marking in World
- 6) The U.N. said the biggest reason for the record number of refugees \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in 2015 is wars
  - b. in 2015 is war
  - c. in 2015 is a war
  - d. in 2015 is the war
- 7) more than 98,000 asylum requests in 2015 were made by \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. unaccompanied children
  - b. one a company children
  - c. in a companied children
  - d. one a camping children
- 8) Many of them are escaping from wars only to face big \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. problems sat borders
  - b. problems at border
  - c. problem at border
  - d. problems at borders
- 9) These include walls and fences in Europe, tougher laws against immigration \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and technophobia
  - b. and aquaphobia
  - c. and acrophobia
  - d. and xenophobia
- 10) The U.N. said the only way to overcome the problem is political action \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to stop conflict
  - b. to stop conflicted
  - c. to stop conflicts
  - d. to stop conflicting

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

Last year was the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ record for the number of people who became refugees. The United Nations (U.N.) said that in 2015, over 65.3 million people were (2) \_\_\_\_\_ their home or country. This is an (3) \_\_\_\_\_ five million from 59.5 million over the previous year. The 2015 figure is a 50 per cent increase from five years ago. It also means (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 113 people on the planet is now a refugee, an asylum seeker or someone displaced in their own country. The U.N. reported that: "Twenty-four people are displaced every minute." It added that (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the forcibly displaced are refugees in their own country." The figures come from the "Global Trends" (6) \_\_\_\_\_ World Refugee Day on June the 20th.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

1. How many people had to leave their home in 2015?
2. How many more people had to leave their home in 2015 than in 2014?
3. What is the 2015 figure 50% higher than?
4. How many people are displaced every minute?
5. When is World Refugee Day?
6. What is the biggest reason for the record number of refugees?
7. How many unaccompanied children made asylum requests in 2015?
8. How many of the forcibly displaced are from poor or middle income nations?
9. Where do refugees face problems after they escape from wars?
10. What did the UN say was the only way to get over the problem?



# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

- 1) How many people had to leave their home in 2015?
  - a) 65.3 million people
  - b) 56.3 million
  - c) 63.5 million
  - d) 53.6 million
- 2) How many more people had to leave their home in 2015 than in 2014?
  - a) around 500,000
  - b) exactly 15 million
  - c) over 5,000,000
  - d) more than 50 million
- 3) What is the 2015 figure 50% higher than?
  - a) the number of soldiers in the world
  - b) the figure for 5 years ago
  - c) the population of Syria
  - d) estimates for 2017
- 4) How many people are displaced every minute?
  - a) 24,000
  - b) 2,400
  - c) 240
  - d) 24
- 5) When is World Refugee Day?
  - a) June 20
  - b) June 21
  - c) June 19
  - d) June 22
- 6) What is the biggest reason for the record number of refugees?
  - a) religion
  - b) idiotic leaders
  - c) famine
  - d) war
- 7) How many unaccompanied children made asylum requests in 2015?
  - a) exactly 98,000
  - b) over 98,000
  - c) around 89,000
  - d) exactly 89,000
- 8) How many of the forcibly displaced are from poor or middle income nations?
  - a) 87%
  - b) 88%
  - c) 89%
  - d) 90%
- 9) Where do refugees face problems after they escape from wars?
  - a) in immigration centres
  - b) on trains
  - c) at borders
  - d) in camps
- 10) What did the UN say was the only way to get over the problem?
  - a) hold talks
  - b) political action
  - c) more armies
  - d) money

# ROLE PLAY

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## **Role A – Internet access**

You think Internet access is what refugees in camps need most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): language lessons, contact with embassy staff or blankets.

## **Role B – Language lessons**

You think language lessons are You think Internet access is what refugees in camps need most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): Internet access, contact with embassy staff or blankets.

## **Role C – Contact with embassy staff**

You think contact with embassy staff is You think Internet access is what refugees in camps need most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): language lessons, Internet access or blankets.

## **Role D – Blankets**

You think blankets are You think Internet access is what refugees in camps need most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): language lessons, contact with embassy staff or Internet access.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

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

<b>refugee</b>	<b>asylum</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>• worst</li><li>• five million</li><li>• 50</li><li>• 113</li><li>• 24</li><li>• 20th</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• war</li><li>• half</li><li>• 90 per cent</li><li>• borders</li><li>• laws</li><li>• overcome</li></ul>
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# REFUGEES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.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. Why are there so many refugees today?
5. What do you know about refugees?
6. What was the last story about refugees you read about?
7. What do you think of the rise in refugee numbers?
8. What does your country do to help refugees?
9. What advice do you have for refugees?
10. What should we do on World Refugee Day?

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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 are there so many wars today?
13. What will create more refugees in the future?
14. What do you think it's like to be a refugee?
15. What should happen to leaders who created the refugee crisis?
16. How can we help refugee children?
17. How would you feel if you were forced to leave your home?
18. How can we end xenophobia?
19. Should all countries have to accept and help refugees?
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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

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

- |     |                |                |                |                  |
|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 1.  | (a) worse      | (b) waste      | (c) wasted     | (d) worst        |
| 2.  | (a) fierce     | (b) farce      | (c) faced      | (d) forced       |
| 3.  | (a) above      | (b) over       | (c) up         | (d) higher       |
| 4.  | (a) on         | (b) an         | (c) in         | (d) as           |
| 5.  | (a) thirds     | (b) third      | (c) thirdly    | (d) third-rate   |
| 6.  | (a) come       | (b) go         | (c) leave      | (d) arrive       |
| 7.  | (a) to         | (b) by         | (c) of         | (d) for          |
| 8.  | (a) them       | (b) this       | (c) they       | (d) it           |
| 9.  | (a) make       | (b) made       | (c) making     | (d) makes        |
| 10. | (a) cash       | (b) money      | (c) income     | (d) salary       |
| 11. | (a) head       | (b) nose       | (c) face       | (d) back         |
| 12. | (a) acrophobia | (b) xenophobia | (c) aquaphobia | (d) technophobia |

# SPELLING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. the worst year on rordec
2. 65.3 million people were ocerfd to leave
3. an riseacne of over five million
4. an ymalus seeker
5. 24 people are displaced every inumet
6. The igefrus come from the "Global Trends" report

## Paragraph 2

7. the biggest eonsar
8. the etghhis number ever seen
9. poor or middle nceiom countries
10. peigcsna from wars
11. face big problems at orbdres
12. political action to stop ncloicfs



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

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

- ( ) The U.N. said the biggest reason for the record number of refugees in 2015 is war. Fighting in Syria,
- ( ) children. The U.N. said more than 98,000 asylum requests in 2015 were made by unaccompanied children. This
- ( ) is the highest number ever seen. The U.N. added that: "Ninety per cent of the forcibly displaced are [from] poor
- ( ) their own country. The U.N. reported that: "Twenty-four people are displaced every minute." It added that two-
- ( ) from the "Global Trends" report marking World Refugee Day on June the 20th.
- ( ) borders. These include walls and fences in Europe, tougher laws against immigration and
- ( ) or middle income countries." Many of them are escaping from wars only to face big problems at
- ( ) (U.N.) said that in 2015, over 65.3 million people were forced to leave their home or country. This is an increase
- ( **1** ) Last year was the worst year on record for the number of people who became refugees. The United Nations
- ( ) ago. It also means that one in every 113 people on the planet is now a refugee, an asylum seeker or someone displaced in
- ( ) xenophobia. The U.N. said the only way to overcome the problem is, "political action to stop conflicts".
- ( ) thirds of the forcibly displaced are refugees in their own country." The figures come
- ( ) Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan has created the largest number of refugees. Half of them are
- ( ) of over five million from 59.5 million over the previous year. The 2015 figure is a 50 per cent increase from five years

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

1. the was year Last record on year worst .
2. years increase 50 figure ago from per is The five cent a 2015 .
3. the on people 113 every in One refugee a now is planet .
4. country seeker displaced own asylum someone their An or in .
5. are people four - Twenty minute every displaced .
6. the The record biggest number reason of for refugees .
7. 2015 in Requests children unaccompanied by made were .
8. income middle from are displaced forcibly The countries .
9. face to only wars from Escaping problems big .
10. the political only overcome is The to problem action way .

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1606/160622-displaced-people.html>

Last year was the *worst / worse* year on record for the number of people who became refugees. The United Nations (U.N.) said that in 2015, over 65.3 million people were *forcing / forced* to leave their home or country. This is an *increase / increasing* of over five million from 59.5 million over the *previous / previously* year. The 2015 figure is a 50 per cent increase from five years ago. It also *means / meaning* that one in every 113 people on the planet is *know / now* a refugee, an asylum seeker or someone displaced in their *owner / own* country. The U.N. reported that: "Twenty-four people are displaced *all / every* minute." It added that two-thirds of the forcibly displaced are refugees in their own country." The figures *go / come* from the "Global Trends" report *marking / making* World Refugee Day on June the 20th.

The U.N. said the biggest *reason / reasons* for the record number of refugees in 2015 is war. Fighting in Syria, Afghanistan, Burundi and South Sudan *has / have* created the largest number *of / for* refugees. Half of them are *child / children*. The U.N. said more than 98,000 asylum requests in 2015 were *made / had* by unaccompanied children. This is the highest number *ever / never* seen. The U.N. added that: "Ninety per cent of the forcibly displaced are [from] poor *for / or* middle income countries." Many of them are escaping from wars only to *face / head* big problems at borders. These include walls and *fence / fences* in Europe, tougher laws against immigration and *xenophobia / xenophobic*. The U.N. said the only way to overcome the problem is, "political action to stop conflicts".

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

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

**4. OPEN BORDERS:** Write a magazine article about the world having open borders. 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 refugees. Ask him/her three questions about them. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to reduce the number of refugees. 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 F    f F    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                  |                |
|------------------|----------------|
| 1. forced        | a. made        |
| 2. increase      | b. rise        |
| 3. previous      | c. earlier     |
| 4. asylum        | d. refuge      |
| 5. marking       | e. remembering |
| 6. war           | f. conflict    |
| 7. largest       | g. biggest     |
| 8. unaccompanied | h. lone        |
| 9. escaping      | i. fleeing     |
| 10. overcome     | j. control     |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. 65.3 million people
2. Over 5 million
3. The figure for five years ago
4. 24
5. June 20
6. War
7. Over 98,000
8. 90%
9. At borders
10. Political action

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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