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**Level 6 – 11th August, 2020**

## World leaders hold aid summit to help Beirut

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

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The European Commission promised over \$68 million to help Beirut. An EC spokesperson said: "As needs rise, we are providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable people." The funding will go directly to charities and UN agencies. The Arab state of Qatar pledged the biggest donation from a single country. It is donating \$50 million, while Kuwait offered \$40 million. There was also spiritual assistance for the people of Lebanon. The head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, made a plea saying: "We must all work for the good of this beloved country." He added: "I also renew my appeal for generous help from the international community."

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# WARM-UPS

**1. SUMMITS:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about world summits. 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?

summit / world leaders / conference / catastrophic / explosion / at stake / donors / humanitarian / support / vulnerable / spiritual / assistance / beloved / generous

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

**3. AID:** Students A **strongly** believe the world should give billions of dollars in aid to Lebanon; Students B **strongly** believe it shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. WORLD LEADERS:** What do you know about these world leaders? What should they do in the future? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What I Know	What They Should Do
Emmanuel Macron (France)		
Jacinda Adern (New Zealand)		
Jair Bolsonaro (Brazil)		
Xi Jinping (China)		
Angela Merkel (Germany)		
Crown Prince Salman (Saudi Arabia)		

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

**6. ASSISTANCE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the assistance Beirut most needs at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Money
- Spiritual support
- Blankets
- Heavy machinery
- Engineers
- Medical supplies
- Food
- Electricity

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. summit       | a. Involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering.  |
| 2. encourage    | b. A meeting between heads of government.  |
| 3. catastrophic | c. Destroyed or ruined something.  |
| 4. devastated   | d. In danger or at risk.   |
| 5. at stake     | e. Give support, confidence, or hope to someone.   |
| 6. pledge       | f. A person, business, organisation or country who gives something for free (money, time, clothes, food, etc.) something, especially money to a fund or charity. |
| 7. donor        | g. A serious promise.  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. humanitarian | h. More likely to be physically or emotionally attacked or harmed.                              |
| 9. vulnerable   | i. The provision of money, resources, or information to help someone.                           |
| 10. funding     | j. Concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare.  |
| 11. spiritual   | k. Money provided, especially by an organization or government, for a particular purpose.       |
| 12. assistance  | l. A request made in an urgent and emotional manner.  |
| 13. plea        | m. Relating to or affecting the human spirit or soul as opposed to material or physical things. |
| 14. appeal      | n. Make a serious or urgent request, typically to the public.                                   |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

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

- a. The French President hosted a summit in Paris for world leaders. **T / F**
- b. The French President said Beirut needed immediate help. **T / F**
- c. The summit was co-hosted by the Arab League. **T / F**
- d. The international community has pledged \$300 million thus far. **T / F**
- e. The European Commission is helping millions of vulnerable people. **T / F**
- f. Qatar is the biggest individual donor country. **T / F**
- g. The head of the Catholic Church is offering spiritual assistance. **T / F**
- h. Pope Francis appealed to the generosity of countries. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

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

- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>hosted</b>       | a. appeal        |
| 2. <b>virtual</b>      | b. at risk       |
| 3. <b>catastrophic</b> | c. promised      |
| 4. <b>at stake</b>     | d. online        |
| 5. <b>pledged</b>      | e. helpless      |
| 6. <b>humanitarian</b> | f. calamitous    |
| 7. <b>vulnerable</b>   | g. big-hearted   |
| 8. <b>donation</b>     | h. put on        |
| 9. <b>plea</b>         | i. contribution  |
| 10. <b>generous</b>    | j. compassionate |

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

- |  |                      |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. French President Emmanuel Macron hosted | a. hosted by the UN  |
| 2. virtual                                 | b. stake             |
| 3. held in response to the catastrophic    | c. for the people    |
| 4. Lebanon's future is at                  | d. conference        |
| 5. The conference was co-                  | e. vulnerable people |
| 6. providing humanitarian                  | f. for the good      |
| 7. the most                                | g. explosion         |
| 8. spiritual assistance                    | h. support           |
| 9. We must all work                        | i. community         |
| 10. help from the international            | j. a summit          |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

French President Emmanuel Macron hosted a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday to encourage other world leaders to help Beirut. The virtual conference was held in (2) \_\_\_\_\_ to the catastrophic explosion that devastated Lebanon's (3) \_\_\_\_\_ city last week. President Macron said the Lebanese people needed (4) \_\_\_\_\_ immediately and directly. He said: "We must act quickly and efficiently so that this aid goes (5) \_\_\_\_\_ to where it is needed. Lebanon's future is at stake." The conference was co-(6) \_\_\_\_\_ by the UN and secured pledges of assistance from (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of countries, including Lebanon's neighbours, countries from Europe and Asia, and the USA. The international donors have so (8) \_\_\_\_\_ pledged \$300 million to help Beirut.

*capital*  
*dozens*  
*directly*  
*summit*  
*aid*  
*far*  
*response*  
*hosted*

The European Commission promised over \$68 million to help Beirut. An EC spokesperson said: "As needs (9) \_\_\_\_\_, we are providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable people." The (10) \_\_\_\_\_ will go directly to charities and UN agencies. The Arab (11) \_\_\_\_\_ of Qatar pledged the biggest donation from a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ country. It is donating \$50 million, while Kuwait offered \$40 million. There was also (13) \_\_\_\_\_ assistance for the people of Lebanon. The (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, made a (15) \_\_\_\_\_ saying: "We must all work for the good of this beloved country." He added: "I also renew my (16) \_\_\_\_\_ for generous help from the international community."

*spiritual*  
*funding*  
*plea*  
*rise*  
*appeal*  
*single*  
*head*  
*state*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

- 1) French President Emmanuel Macron hosted \_\_\_\_\_ Sunday
  - a. as summit on
  - b. a sum mite on
  - c. as umm... mitten
  - d. a summit on
- 2) The virtual conference was held in response to the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. catastrophically explosion
  - b. catastrophe explosion
  - c. catastrophic explosion
  - d. cat apostrophe explosion
- 3) President Macron said the Lebanese people needed aid \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. immediate and directly
  - b. immediately and directly
  - c. immediate and direct
  - d. immediately and direct
- 4) The conference was co-hosted by the UN \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. unsecured pledge is
  - b. and secured pledge
  - c. unsecured pledges
  - d. and secured pledges
- 5) The international donors have \_\_\_\_\_ \$300
  - a. sofa pledged
  - b. so for pledged
  - c. suffer pledged
  - d. so far pledged
- 6) providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands of the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. must vulnerable people
  - b. mast vulnerable people
  - c. most vulnerable people
  - d. mist vulnerable people
- 7) The funding will go directly to charities \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. and UN agency is
  - b. and UN agencies
  - c. and UN agents see
  - d. and UN urgencies
- 8) The Arab state of Qatar pledged the biggest donation from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. a single country
  - b. a singular country
  - c. a singled country
  - d. a singles country
- 9) The head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. make a pleas
  - b. made a plea
  - c. made a please
  - d. made a pleas
- 10) We must all work for the good of \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. this been loved country
  - b. this bee-loved country
  - c. this beloved country
  - d. this be lover country

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

French President Emmanuel Macron (1) \_\_\_\_\_ on Sunday to encourage other world leaders to help Beirut. The virtual conference was held (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the catastrophic explosion that devastated Lebanon's capital city last week. President Macron said the Lebanese people (3) \_\_\_\_\_ and directly. He said: "We must act quickly and efficiently so that this (4) \_\_\_\_\_ to where it is needed. Lebanon's future is at stake." The conference was co-hosted by the UN and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ assistance from dozens of countries, including Lebanon's neighbours, countries from Europe and Asia, and the USA. The international donors have (6) \_\_\_\_\_ \$300 million to help Beirut.

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

1. Who did Emmanuel Macron encourage to donate money?
2. Where was the conference held?
3. Where did Emmanuel Macron say the money should go?
4. What did President Macron say about the future of Lebanon?
5. How much money has been pledged in total?
6. Who pledged \$68 million?
7. To whom is the European Commission providing support?
8. Which country was the biggest individual donor?
9. How much did Kuwait pledge?
10. Who did Pope Francis appeal to?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

- 1) Who did Emmanuel Macron encourage to donate money?
  - a) French people
  - b) world leaders
  - c) Lebanese people
  - d) people of the world
- 2) Where was the conference held?
  - a) Marseille
  - b) New York
  - c) Beirut
  - d) online
- 3) Where did Emmanuel Macron say the money should go?
  - a) where it is needed
  - b) to schools
  - c) on electricity generators
  - d) to charities
- 4) What did President Macron say about the future of Lebanon?
  - a) it is in the balance
  - b) it is bright
  - c) it is at stake
  - d) it needed to be peaceful
- 5) How much money has been pledged in total?
  - a) \$220 million
  - b) \$300 million
  - c) \$600 million
  - d) \$500 million
- 6) Who pledged \$68 million?
  - a) the European Commission
  - b) the European Central Bank
  - c) the European Union
  - d) European charities
- 7) To whom is the European Commission providing support?
  - a) hospitals
  - b) schools
  - c) the most vulnerable people
  - d) the injured and bereaved
- 8) Which country was the biggest individual donor?
  - a) Qatar
  - b) Kuwait
  - c) Bahrain
  - d) UAE
- 9) How much did Kuwait pledge?
  - a) \$40 million
  - b) \$30 million
  - c) \$60 million
  - d) \$20 million
- 10) Who did Pope Francis appeal to?
  - a) the people of Beirut
  - b) Italians
  - c) Catholics worldwide
  - d) the international community

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

## **Role A – Spiritual Support**

You think the people of Beirut need spiritual support most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their support isn't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): heavy machinery, food or electricity.

## **Role B – Heavy Machinery**

You think the people of Beirut need heavy machinery most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their support isn't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): spiritual support, food or electricity.

## **Role C – Food**

You think the people of Beirut need food most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their support isn't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): heavy machinery, spiritual support or electricity.

## **Role D – Electricity**

You think the people of Beirut need electricity most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their support isn't as necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): heavy machinery, food or spiritual support.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

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

world	leader

- 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>• encourage</li><li>• capital</li><li>• act</li><li>• stake</li><li>• dozens</li><li>• far</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• rise</li><li>• hundreds</li><li>• agencies</li><li>• offered</li><li>• spiritual</li><li>• appeal</li></ul>
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# LEBANON SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Lebanon 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.

# LEBANON 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 'summit'?
3. What do you know about world summits?
4. How much good will this world summit do for Beirut?
5. What do you know about Beirut?
6. What do you know about the explosion?
7. What do you know about Lebanon?
8. What kind of help does Beirut need?
9. Is the world doing enough for Beirut?
10. Where does the aid need to go?

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# LEBANON 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 'Beirut'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What kind of humanitarian support does Lebanon need?
15. What advice do you have for Lebanon's leaders?
16. What advice do you have for the people of Beirut?
17. How generous is the international community?
18. What do you think Beirut will be like in six months?
19. Would you like to visit Lebanon?
20. What questions would you like to ask Lebanon's leader?

## 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/2008/200811-beirut.html>

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

- |     |                 |                |                |                |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) hoisted     | (b) hastened   | (c) hasted     | (d) hosted     |
| 2.  | (a) by          | (b) at         | (c) on         | (d) in         |
| 3.  | (a) destruction | (b) devastated | (c) devolved   | (d) destined   |
| 4.  | (a) streak      | (b) steak      | (c) stake      | (d) stoke      |
| 5.  | (a) on          | (b) to         | (c) of         | (d) by         |
| 6.  | (a) far         | (b) now        | (c) by         | (d) as         |
| 7.  | (a) up          | (b) rise       | (c) above      | (d) elevate    |
| 8.  | (a) directly    | (b) conducting | (c) relatively | (d) conformity |
| 9.  | (a) soul        | (b) single     | (c) solitary   | (d) soluble    |
| 10. | (a) celestial   | (b) virtual    | (c) spiritual  | (d) eventual   |
| 11. | (a) please      | (b) pleasure   | (c) plea       | (d) plead      |
| 12. | (a) prioritise  | (b) ordeal     | (c) missive    | (d) generous   |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. ergcaoune other world leaders
2. The tuavrli conference
3. to the oaciphrcsat explosion
4. quickly and efcnfietyil
5. casinetass from dozens of countries
6. so far lpgddee \$300 million

## Paragraph 2

7. anamiinhurta support
8. thousands of the most neavrlube people
9. go directly to tacrshiei and UN agencies
10. It was also utpiasirl
11. made a epal
12. my appeal for nuoerges help

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

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

- ( ) The European Commission promised over \$68 million to help Beirut. An EC spokesperson said: "As needs
- ( ) rise, we are providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable
- ( ) "I also renew my appeal for generous help from the international community."
- ( ) Lebanon's capital city last week. President Macron said the Lebanese people needed aid immediately
- ( ) assistance for the people of Lebanon. The head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope
- ( ) Francis, made a plea saying: "We must all work for the good of this beloved country." He added:
- ( ) from Europe and Asia, and the USA. The international donors have so far pledged \$300 million to help Beirut.
- ( **1** ) French President Emmanuel Macron hosted a summit on Sunday to encourage other world
- ( ) leaders to help Beirut. The virtual conference was held in response to the catastrophic explosion that devastated
- ( ) needed. Lebanon's future is at stake." The conference was co-hosted by the UN and secured
- ( ) people." The funding will go directly to charities and UN agencies. The Arab state of Qatar pledged the biggest
- ( ) donation from a single country. It is donating \$50 million, while Kuwait offered \$40 million. There was also spiritual
- ( ) and directly. He said: "We must act quickly and efficiently so that this aid goes directly to where it is
- ( ) pledges of assistance from dozens of countries, including Lebanon's neighbours, countries

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

1. to leaders world Beirut . help other Encourage
2. capital The devastated Lebanon's explosion catastrophic city . that
3. where needed . directly it's goes to aid This
4. assistance countries . Secured of from of dozens pledges
5. far \$300 International million . donors have pledged so
6. humanitarian providing hundreds to thousands . We're of support
7. directly go agencies . The funding will UN to
8. the Spiritual of for Lebanon . assistance people
9. this country . of beloved the Work for good
10. appeal renew help . my for I also generous

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2008/200811-beirut.html>

French President Emmanuel Macron *hoisted / hosted* a summit on Sunday to *encouragement / encourage* other world leaders to help Beirut. The virtual conference was held *on / in* response to the *catastrophic / catastrophe* explosion that *devastated / devastation* Lebanon's capital city last week. President Macron said the Lebanese people needed aid *immediacy / immediately* and directly. He said: "We *must / need* act quickly and efficiently so that this aid goes directly *to / for* where it is needed. Lebanon's future is at stake." The conference was co-hosted by the UN and *served / secured* pledges of assistance from dozens of countries, including Lebanon's neighbours, countries from Europe and Asia, and the USA. The international donors have *such / so* far pledged \$300 million to help Beirut.

The European Commission promised over \$68 million to help Beirut. An EC spokesperson said: "As needs *rising / rise*, we are providing humanitarian support to hundreds of *thousand / thousands* of the most *vulnerable / vulnerability* people." The *funding / founding* will go directly to charities and UN agencies. The Arab state of Qatar pledged the biggest donation from a *single / singular* country. It is donating \$50 million, while Kuwait offered \$40 million. There was also *spirit / spiritual* assistance for the people of Lebanon. The *head / boss* of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, made a *please / plea* saying: "We must all work for the good of this *beloved / love* country." He added: "I also renew my appeal for *generous / generosity* help from the international community."

**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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F r\_n c h P r\_s\_d\_n t E m m\_n\_\_ l M\_c r\_n h\_s t\_d \_  
s\_m m\_t \_n S\_n d\_y t\_ n c\_\_ r\_g\_ t\_h\_r w\_r l\_d l\_\_  
d\_r s t\_ h\_l p B\_\_ r\_t. Th\_ v\_r t\_\_ l c\_n f\_r\_n c\_  
w\_s h\_l d \_n r\_s p\_n s\_ t\_ t\_h\_ c\_t\_s t\_r\_p h\_c \_x p  
l\_s\_\_ n t\_h\_t d\_v\_s t\_t\_d L\_b\_n\_n 's c\_p\_t\_l c\_t y  
l\_s t w\_\_ k. P r\_s\_d\_n t M\_c r\_n s\_\_ d t\_h\_  
L\_b\_n\_s\_ p\_\_ p\_l\_ n\_\_ d\_d \_\_ d \_m m\_d\_\_ t\_l y \_n d  
d\_r\_c t\_l y. H\_ s\_\_ d: " W\_ m\_s t \_c t q\_\_ c\_k l\_y \_n  
d \_f f\_c\_\_ n t\_l y s\_ t\_h\_t t\_h\_s \_\_ d g\_\_ s d\_r\_c t\_l  
y t\_ w\_h\_r\_ \_t \_s n\_\_ d\_d. L\_b\_n\_n 's f\_t\_r\_ \_s t  
s t\_k\_." Th\_ c\_n f\_r\_n c\_ w\_s c\_- h\_s t\_d b\_y t\_h\_  
U N \_n d s\_c\_r\_d p\_l\_d g\_s \_f \_s s\_s t\_n c\_ f\_r\_m  
d\_z\_n s \_f c\_\_ n t\_r\_\_ s, \_n c\_l\_d\_n g L\_b\_n\_n 's n\_\_  
g h\_b\_\_ r\_s, c\_\_ n t\_r\_\_ s f\_r\_m E\_r\_p\_ \_n d A\_s\_\_ ,  
\_n d t\_h\_ U S A. Th\_ \_n t\_r\_n t\_\_ n\_l d\_n\_r s h\_v\_  
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m\_l\_l\_\_ n t\_ h\_l p B\_\_ r\_t. A n E C s\_p\_k\_s p\_r\_s\_n  
s\_\_ d: " A s n\_\_ d s r\_s\_, w\_ \_r\_ p\_r\_v\_d\_n g  
h\_m\_n\_t\_r\_\_ n s\_p\_p\_r\_t t\_ h\_n d\_r\_d s \_f t\_h\_\_ s\_n d  
s \_f t\_h\_ m\_s t v\_l\_n\_r\_b\_l\_ p\_\_ p\_l\_." Th\_ f\_n d\_n  
g w\_l\_l g\_ d\_r\_c t\_l y t\_ c\_h\_r\_t\_\_ s \_n d U N \_g\_n  
c\_\_ s. Th\_ A\_r\_b s\_t\_t\_ \_f Q\_t\_r p\_l\_d g\_d t\_h\_  
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f\_r\_d \$ 4 0 m\_l\_l\_\_ n. Th\_r\_ w\_s \_l\_s\_ s\_p\_r\_t\_\_ l  
\_s s\_s t\_n c\_ f\_r t\_h\_ p\_\_ p\_l\_ \_f L\_b\_n\_n. Th\_ h\_\_  
d \_f t\_h\_ R\_m\_n C\_t\_h\_l\_c C\_h\_r\_c h, P\_p\_ F\_r\_n c\_s  
, m\_d\_\_ p\_l\_\_ s\_y\_n g: " W\_ m\_s t \_l\_l w\_r k f\_r  
t\_h\_ g\_\_ d \_f t\_h\_s b\_l\_v\_d c\_\_ n t\_r\_y." H\_ \_d\_d\_d  
: " I \_l\_s\_ r\_n\_w m\_y \_p\_p\_\_ l f\_r g\_n\_r\_\_ s h\_l p  
f\_r\_m t\_h\_ \_n t\_r\_n t\_\_ n\_l c\_m m\_n\_t\_y."

# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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french president emmanuel macron hosted a summit on sunday to encourage other world leaders to help beirut the virtual conference was held in response to the catastrophic explosion that devastated lebanons capital city last week president macron said the lebanese people needed aid immediately and directly he said we must act quickly and efficiently so that this aid goes directly to where it is needed lebanons future is at stake the conference was cohosted by the un and secured pledges of assistance from dozens of countries including lebanons neighbours countries from europe and asia and the usa the international donors have so far pledged 300 million to help beirut

the european commission promised over 68 million to help beirut an ec spokesperson said as needs rise we are providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable people the funding will go directly to charities and un agencies the arab state of qatar pledged the biggest donation from a single country it is donating 50 million while kuwait offered 40 million there was also spiritual assistance for the people of lebanon the head of the roman catholic church pope francis made a plea saying we must all work for the good of this beloved country he added i also renew my appeal for generous help from the international community

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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French President Emmanuel Macron hosted a summit on Sunday to encourage other world leaders to help Beirut. The virtual conference was held in response to the catastrophic explosion that devastated Lebanon's capital city last week. President Macron said the Lebanese people needed aid immediately and directly. He said: "We must act quickly and efficiently so that this aid goes directly to where it is needed. Lebanon's future is at stake." The conference was co-hosted by the UN and secured pledges of assistance from dozens of countries, including Lebanon's neighbours, countries from Europe and Asia, and the USA. The international donor shaves of a pledged \$300 million to help Beirut. The European Commission promised over \$68 million to help Beirut. An EC spokesperson said: "As needs arise, we are providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands of the most vulnerable people." The funding will go directly to charities and UN agencies. The Arab state of Qatar pledged the biggest donation from a single country. It is donating \$50 million, while Kuwait offered \$40 million. There was also spiritual assistance for the people of Lebanon. The head of the Roman Catholic Church, Pope Francis, made a plea saying: "We must all work for the good of this beloved country." He added: "I also renew my appeal for generous help from the international community."







# 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. LEBANON:** Make a poster about Lebanon. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. AID:** Write a magazine article about the world giving billions of dollars in aid to Lebanon. 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 Lebanon. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how we can help Lebanon. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## VOCABULARY (p.4)

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

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. h	2. d	3. f	4. b	5. c
6. j	7. e	8. i	9. a	10. g

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- World leaders
- Online
- Where it is needed
- It is at stake
- \$300 million
- The European Commission
- The most vulnerable people
- Qatar
- \$40 million
- The international community

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

- Encourage other world leaders to help Beirut.
- The catastrophic explosion that devastated Lebanon's capital city.
- This aid goes directly to where it's needed.
- Secured pledges of assistance from dozens of countries.
- International donors have so far pledged \$300 million.
- We're providing humanitarian support to hundreds of thousands.
- The funding will go directly to UN agencies.
- Spiritual assistance for the people of Lebanon.
- Work for the good of this beloved country.
- I also renew my appeal for generous help.

## 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 ;-)