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Tigray on brink of famine, warns U.N.

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

The United Nations has warned that people in Ethiopia's Tigray region are on the brink of a famine. Tigray is the northernmost state in Ethiopia and the homeland of the Tigrayan, Irob and Kunama peoples. In addition to facing the possibility of starvation, people in Tigray have had to endure the hardships that come with being involved in a military conflict. In November 2020, fighting broke out between the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and Ethiopia's army. The TPLF wants to overthrow Ethiopia's government. Neighbouring Eritrea has waded in on the side of Ethiopia. This has escalated into the Tigray War, causing instability in the region and increasing suffering for the people.

The U.N. warned that: "Several areas in Tigray are on the brink of famine. The situation will only keep getting worse unless needed funding is increased and humanitarian access is improved." It added: "People need to wake up. There is now the risk of a loss of life running into the hundreds of thousands or worse. Businesses have been destroyed, the economy has been destroyed, crops have been destroyed, and farms have been destroyed." A farmer in Tigray told the BBC: "We are eating small remains of crops that we have managed to hide, but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given us any aid. Almost everyone is on the verge of death....Death is knocking on our door."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-africa-57397901>
<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/tigray-ethiopia-war-un-warns-famine-could-kill-hundreds-of-thousands/>
<https://www.africanews.com/2021/05/26/over-1-7-million-people-displaced-due-to-conflict-need-urgent-assistance-in-northern-ethiopia-iom/>

WARM-UPS

1. WAR: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about war. 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?

region / brink / state / homeland / starvation / hardships / conflict / army / instability
famine / situation / humanitarian / economy / farmer / remains / crops / hide / death

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

3. FAMINE: Students A **strongly** believe the world will act one day so famines become a thing of the past; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. SOLVABLE PROBLEMS: How difficult are these issues and problems to solve? What are your solutions? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Difficulty	Solutions
Famine		
War		
Cybercrime		
Global warming		
Poverty		
Discrimination		

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

6. POORER PEOPLE: Rank these with your partner. Put the biggest obstacles for poorer people at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Famine
- War
- Drought
- Lack of wifi
- Bad leaders
- Poor education
- Corruption
- Drug trade

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 1. brink | a. Suffering or death caused by hunger. |
| 2. famine | b. A point at which something, typically something unwelcome, is about to happen. |
| 3. starvation | c. Suffer something painful or difficult patiently. |
| 4. endure | d. Remove forcibly from power. |
| 5. overthrow | e. An extreme lack of food. |
| 6. escalated | f. A lack of being safe and secure. |
| 7. instability | g. Became or caused to become more intense or serious. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 8. funding | h. Concerned with or seeking to promote human welfare. |
| 9. humanitarian | i. The parts left over after other parts have been removed, used, or destroyed. |
| 10. access | j. Money provided for a particular purpose. |
| 11. crops | k. The right or opportunity to use or benefit from something. |
| 12. remains | l. Financial or material help given to a country or area in need. |
| 13. aid | m. Plants grown as food, especially a grain, fruit, or vegetable. |
| 14. verge | n. An extreme limit beyond which something specified will happen. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

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

1. Tigray is in the centre of Ethiopia. **T / F**
2. People in Tigray are facing starvation and the hardships of war. **T / F**
3. The Tigray War broke out two years ago. **T / F**
4. Neighbouring Eritrea is in support of the Tigray People's Liberation Front. **T / F**
5. The U.N. warned that several areas of Tigray are on the brink of famine. **T / F**
6. The U.N. warned that hundreds of thousands of people could die. **T / F**
7. A farmer said he had been hiding small amounts of crops to eat. **T / F**
8. The farmer said death is knocking on his door. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 1. warned | a. wrecked |
| 2. brink | b. war |
| 3. starvation | c. circumstances |
| 4. conflict | d. edge |
| 5. escalated | e. possibility |
| 6. situation | f. conceal |
| 7. risk | g. cautioned |
| 8. destroyed | h. assistance |
| 9. hide | i. extreme hunger |
| 10. aid | j. increased rapidly |

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

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Tigray is the northernmost | a. on the side of Ethiopia |
| 2. people in Tigray have had to | b. getting worse |
| 3. Neighbouring Eritrea has waded in | c. on our door |
| 4. This has escalated into | d. hundreds of thousands |
| 5. increasing suffering | e. the Tigray War |
| 6. The situation will only keep | f. of death |
| 7. There is now the risk of a loss of | g. state in Ethiopia |
| 8. running into the | h. life |
| 9. Almost everyone is on the verge | i. for the people |
| 10. Death is knocking | j. endure the hardships |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

The United Nations has warned that people in Ethiopia's Tigray (1) _____ are on the brink of a famine. Tigray is the northernmost state in Ethiopia and the (2) _____ of the Tigrayan, Irob and Kunama peoples. In addition to (3) _____ the possibility of starvation, people in Tigray have had to endure the (4) _____ that come with being involved in a military (5) _____. In November 2020, fighting broke out between the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) and Ethiopia's army. The TPLF wants to (6) _____ Ethiopia's government. Neighbouring Eritrea has (7) _____ in on the side of Ethiopia. This has escalated into the Tigray War, causing (8) _____ in the region and increasing suffering for the people.

facing
overthrow
instability
homeland
conflict
region
waded
hardships

The U.N. warned that: "Several areas in Tigray are on the brink of famine. The (9) _____ will only keep getting worse unless needed funding is increased and humanitarian (10) _____ is improved." It added: "People need to wake up. There is now the risk of a (11) _____ of life running into the hundreds of thousands or worse. Businesses have been destroyed, the (12) _____ has been destroyed, crops have been destroyed, and farms have been destroyed." A farmer in Tigray told the BBC: "We are eating small (13) _____ of crops that we have managed to (14) _____, but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given us any aid. Almost everyone is on the (15) _____ of death....Death is (16) _____ on our door."

access
hide
knocking
loss
remains
verge
situation
economy

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

- 1) northernmost state in Ethiopia and the homeland of the Tigrayan, Irob _____
 - a. end Kunama peoples
 - b. and Kunama peopled
 - c. end Kunama people is
 - d. and Kunama peoples
- 2) In addition to facing the _____
 - a. possibility of star ration
 - b. possibility of starve ration
 - c. possibility of starvation
 - d. possibility of starve nation
- 3) Tigray have had to endure the hardships that come with being involved in _____
 - a. a militarily convict
 - b. a military conflict
 - c. a military conflicts
 - d. a military convict
- 4) The TPLF wants to overthrow Ethiopia's government. Neighbouring Eritrea _____
 - a. has waded in
 - b. has way did in
 - c. has weigh did in
 - d. has why did in
- 5) This has escalated into the Tigray War, _____
 - a. causing instability
 - b. cause in instability
 - c. cause sin instability
 - d. cause sing instability
- 6) getting worse unless needed funding is increased and humanitarian _____
 - a. assess is improved
 - b. recess is improved
 - c. excess is improved
 - d. access is improved
- 7) the risk of a loss of life running into the hundreds of _____
 - a. thousands nor worse
 - b. thousands sore worse
 - c. thousands or worse
 - d. thousands saw worse
- 8) We are eating small remains of crops that we have _____
 - a. managed to hides
 - b. manage too hide
 - c. managed to hide
 - d. manage two hide
- 9) ...but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given _____
 - a. us many aid
 - b. us sunny aid
 - c. us any aid
 - d. user any aid
- 10) Almost everyone is on the verge of death....Death is knocking _____
 - a. on hour door
 - b. on our door
 - c. on your door
 - d. on nor door

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

1. Where in Ethiopia is the region of Tigray?
2. What are those in Tigray facing besides the hardships of military conflict?
3. When did fighting break out in Tigray?
4. What does the Tigray People's Liberation Front want?
5. Which country has joined in the conflict?
6. What does the U.N. say needs to be increased?
7. What does the U.N. say people need to do?
8. How many people does the U.N. say might die?
9. What did a farmer manage to hide?
10. What did the farmer say is knocking on his door?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

- 1) Where in Ethiopia is the region of Tigray?
 - a) the centre
 - b) the north
 - c) the west
 - d) the south
- 2) What are those in Tigray facing besides the hardships of military conflict?
 - a) displacement
 - b) loss of jobs
 - c) drought
 - d) starvation
- 3) When did fighting break out in Tigray?
 - a) December, 2020
 - b) October, 2020
 - c) November, 2020
 - d) September, 2020
- 4) What does the Tigray People's Liberation Front want?
 - a) to overthrow Ethiopia's government
 - b) to break away
 - c) to join the African Union
 - d) peace talks
- 5) Which country has joined in the conflict?
 - a) Djibouti
 - b) Eritrea
 - c) Sudan
 - d) Somalia
- 6) What does the U.N. say needs to be increased?
 - a) funding
 - b) the number of talks
 - c) vaccines
 - d) acceptance
- 7) What does the U.N. say people need to do?
 - a) donate
 - b) act
 - c) wake up
 - d) stop fighting
- 8) How many people does the U.N. say might die?
 - a) hundreds of thousands
 - b) tens of thousands
 - c) millions
 - d) countless numbers
- 9) What did a farmer manage to hide?
 - a) family members
 - b) guns
 - c) rebels
 - d) remains of crops
- 10) What did the farmer say is knocking on his door?
 - a) UNICEF
 - b) the government
 - c) death
 - d) the WHO

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Famine

You think famine is the biggest obstacle for poor people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these is the least likely to hold poor people back (and why): war, no Internet or the drugs trade.

Role B – War

You think war is the biggest obstacle for poor people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these is the least likely to hold poor people back (and why): famine, no Internet or the drugs trade.

Role C – No Internet

You think no Internet is the biggest obstacle for poor people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these is the least likely to hold poor people back (and why): war, famine or the drugs trade.

Role D – The Drugs Trade

You think the drugs trade is the biggest obstacle for poor people. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their things. Also, tell the others which of these is the least likely to hold poor people back (and why): war, no Internet or famine.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

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

war	famine
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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">• warned• state• facing• fighting• waded• suffering	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• situation• funding• risk• crops• hide• door
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WAR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

Write five GOOD questions about war 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.

WAR 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 'war'?
3. Why do people still go to war?
4. What can the world do to stop the war in Tigray?
5. What do you know about Ethiopia?
6. How is it possible people can face starvation in 2021?
7. What hardships come with being involved in military conflict?
8. Did you support the last conflict your country took part in?
9. How can we help the people in Tigray?
10. What can we do to stop all future wars?

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WAR 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 'famine'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What would you do if your country was on the brink of famine?
15. How much do you think the world cares about the Tigray war?
16. Do you think the world's billionaires should feed the people in Tigray?
17. Why have Tigrayans' farms and businesses been destroyed?
18. What aid should the world give Tigray?
19. What three adjectives best describe this story?
20. What questions would you like to ask the generals?

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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The U.N. warned that: "Several areas in Tigray are on the brink of famine. The situation will only keep getting worse unless (7) _____ funding is increased and humanitarian (8) _____ is improved." It added: "People need to wake up. There is now the risk of a (9) _____ of life running into the hundreds of thousands or worse. Businesses have been destroyed, the economy has been destroyed, (10) _____ have been destroyed, and farms have been destroyed." A farmer in Tigray told the BBC: "We are eating (11) _____ remains of crops that we have managed to hide, but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given us any aid. Almost everyone is on the (12) _____ of death....Death is knocking on our door."

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-------------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) northernmost | (b) north | (c) northbound | (d) northing |
| 2. | (a) heading | (b) skulling | (c) facing | (d) nosing |
| 3. | (a) erase | (b) assure | (c) endure | (d) endemic |
| 4. | (a) abound | (b) around | (c) in | (d) out |
| 5. | (a) skinny-dipped | (b) splashed | (c) waded | (d) plummeted |
| 6. | (a) paining | (b) suffering | (c) hurting | (d) aching |
| 7. | (a) needy | (b) needed | (c) necessity | (d) necessaries |
| 8. | (a) excess | (b) access | (c) recess | (d) assess |
| 9. | (a) loser | (b) lost | (c) loss | (d) losses |
| 10. | (a) clips | (b) claps | (c) clops | (d) crops |
| 11. | (a) low | (b) bit | (c) few | (d) small |
| 12. | (a) dirge | (b) scourge | (c) purge | (d) verge |

SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

Paragraph 1

1. facing the possibility of tsrvaoatin
2. dneeur the hardships
3. a ymratlij conflict
4. This has aasecdlet into the Tigray War
5. causing iyatibisInt in the region
6. increasing ferfusign for the people

Paragraph 2

7. The aituinost will only keep getting worse
8. needed fingndu is increased
9. aahniinautmr access
10. farms have been rdodseeyt
11. small marsnei of crops
12. on the geerv of death

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () worse. Businesses have been destroyed, the economy has been destroyed, crops have been destroyed,
- () waded in on the side of Ethiopia. This has escalated into the Tigray War, causing instability
- () involved in a military conflict. In November 2020, fighting broke out between the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF)
- () and farms have been destroyed." A farmer in Tigray told the BBC: "We are eating small
- () worse unless needed funding is increased and humanitarian access is improved." It added: "People need to
- () remains of crops that we have managed to hide, but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given us any
- (**1**) The United Nations has warned that people in Ethiopia's Tigray region are on the brink of a famine. Tigray is the northernmost
- () in the region and increasing suffering for the people.
- () wake up. There is now the risk of a loss of life running into the hundreds of thousands or
- () The U.N. warned that: "Several areas in Tigray are on the brink of famine. The situation will only keep getting
- () facing the possibility of starvation, people in Tigray have had to endure the hardships that come with being
- () and Ethiopia's army. The TPLF wants to overthrow Ethiopia's government. Neighbouring Eritrea has
- () state in Ethiopia and the homeland of the Tigrayan, Irob and Kunama peoples. In addition to
- () aid. Almost everyone is on the verge of death....Death is knocking on our door."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

1. famine . on is the of a brink Tigray
2. the to starvation . of In addition facing possibility
3. hardships . had to have in People Tigray endure
4. military involved from Hardships in conflict . a being
5. waded Eritrea has side the of Ethiopia . on in
6. situation worse . keep The only will getting
7. and increased Funding access is humanitarian improved . is
8. of loss of a risk life . The
9. remains We eating are of small crops . our
10. everyone death . of on the is Almost verge

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

The United Nations has warned that people in Ethiopia's Tigray region are on the *brink / blink* of a famine. Tigray is the northernmost *stale / state* in Ethiopia and the homeland of the Tigrayan, Irob and Kunama peoples. In addition to *heading / facing* the possibility of starvation, people in Tigray have had to *endure / ensure* the hardships that come with being involved *on / in* a military conflict. In November 2020, fighting broke out between the Tigray People's Liberation *Fount / Front* (TPLF) and Ethiopia's army. The TPLF wants to *underarm / overthrow* Ethiopia's government. Neighbouring Eritrea has waded *up / in* on the side of Ethiopia. This has *elevated / escalated* into the Tigray War, causing instability in the region and increasing *paining / suffering* for the people.

The U.N. *waned / warned* that: "Several areas in Tigray are on the brink of famine. The situation will only keep getting *worst / worse* unless needed funding is increased and *pedestrian / humanitarian* access is improved." It added: "People need to *waken / wake* up. There is now the risk of a *loss / lost* of life running into the hundreds of thousands or worse. Businesses have been destroyed, the economy has been destroyed, *clops / crops* have been destroyed, and farms have been destroyed." A farmer in Tigray told the BBC: "We are eating *small / few* remains of crops that we have managed to hide, but now we don't have anything. Nobody has given us *any / many* aid. Almost everyone is on the *wedge / verge* of death....Death is *knocking / knocked* on our door."

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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Th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns h_s w_rn_d th_t p__pl_ _n
_th__p__'s T_gr_y r_g__n _r_ _n th_ br_nk _f _
f_m_n_. T_gr_y _s th_ n_rth_rnm_st st_t_ _n _th__p__
nd th h_m_l_nd _f th_ T_gr_y_n, _r_b _nd K_n_m_
p__pl_s. _n _dd_t__n t_ f_c_ng th_ p_ss_b_l_ty _f
st_rv_t__n, p__pl_ _n T_gr_y h_v_ h_d t_ _nd_r_ th_
h_rdsh_ps th_t c_m_ w_th b__ng _nv_lv_d _n _
m_l_t_ry c_nfl_ct. _n N_v_m_b_r 2020, f_ght_ng br_k_
__t b_tw__n th_ T_gr_y P__pl_'s L_b_r_t__n Fr_nt
(TPLF) _nd _th__p__'s _rmy. Th_ TPLF w_nts t_
_v_rthr_w _th__p__'s g_v_rnm_nt. N__ghb__r_ng _r_tr__
h_s w_d_d _n _n th_ s_d_ _f _th__p__. Th_s h_s
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2106/210611-tigray-ethiopia-war.html>

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the UN warned that several areas in tigray are on the brink of famine. the situation will only keep getting worse unless needed funding is increased and humanitarian access is improved. it added, people need to wake up. there is now the risk of a loss of life running into the hundreds of thousands, or worse. businesses have been destroyed, the economy has been destroyed, crops have been destroyed, and farms have been destroyed. a farmer in tigray told the BBC, "we are eating small remains of crops that we have managed to hide, but now we don't have anything. nobody has given us any aid. almost everyone is on the verge of death. death is knocking on our door."

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. FAMINE: Write a magazine article about governments contributing large sums of money to end famine. 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 war. Ask him/her three questions about war. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to stop wars. 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)

- 1 F 2 T 3 F 4 F 5 T 6 T 7 T 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The north
2. Starvation
3. November, 2020
4. To overthrow Ethiopia's government
5. Eritrea
6. Funding
7. Wake up

8. Hundreds of thousands
9. Remains of crops
10. Death

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Tigray is on the brink of a famine.
2. In addition to facing the possibility of starvation.
3. People in Tigray have had to endure hardships.
4. Hardships from being involved in a military conflict.
5. Eritrea has waded in on the side of Ethiopia.
6. The situation will only keep getting worse.
7. Funding is increased and humanitarian access is improved.
8. The risk of a loss of life.
9. We are eating small remains of our crops.
10. Almost everyone is on the verge of death.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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