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## **Hope for Haiti event raises millions**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Some of the biggest stars in entertainment gathered on Friday night to help raise money for Haiti. The event, called 'Hope for Haiti Now', was organized by actor George Clooney. He persuaded dozens of singers, sports stars and actors to answer telephones in a telethon to raise money for the earthquake-hit country. Rock and pop legends performed on both sides of the Atlantic. Madonna, Mary J Blige, Shakira and Sting sang in New York, while Jay-Z, Rihanna and U2's Bono took part in a concert in London. A special moment came when Haitian-American singer Wyclef Jean sang for his nation. The event was televised on every major TV network and streamed on websites around the world.

George Clooney told MTV about why he organized the event: "It's a big world out there, and we all have a lot of responsibility to look out for people who can't look out for themselves," he said. He explained what he asked the stars to do, saying: "You got about 130 to 140 actors, athletes, singers and television hosts, and they're all coming up not to be on TV, but simply to answer the phones." He said so many stars were willing to help. Clooney went on to say that the telethon's main goal was to "raise money, period. That's it." He added: "If I thought that we could all pick up shovels and go in there and not be in the way, I think a lot of people would do that." Stars hope the telethon will raise \$1 billion for the earthquake victims.

# WARM-UPS

**1. HAITI:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about Haiti. Change partners often. Sit with your first partner(s) and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*big stars / entertainment / raise money / telethons / rock legends / special moments / events / responsibility / looking out for people / willing to help / earthquake victims*

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

**3. STARS:** What events could these stars do to help Haiti? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you heard.

	Event
Singers	
Actors	
Athletes	
Politicians	
Business leaders	
Models	

**4. HELP:** Students A **strongly** believe the Help For Haiti Now telethon will really help Haitians; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. AID FOR HAITI:** What do Haitians need most right now? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- your help
- blankets
- electricity generators
- Internet access
- strong leaders
- good weather
- water
- doctors

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

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

- |   |       |
|---|-------|
| a. All of entertainment's biggest stars gathered to raise money for Haiti.  | T / F |
| b. George Clooney got just over a dozen stars to participate in a telethon. | T / F |
| c. Concerts took place in the USA and England.                              | T / F |
| d. The telethon was shown on all of the big TV networks.                    | T / F |
| e. Clooney told reporters we all have a responsibility to help.             | T / F |
| f. The stars on the telethon did not come just to appear on TV.             | T / F |
| g. The main goal of the telethon is to raise awareness of the victims.      | T / F |
| h. Clooney said all the stars will go to Haiti with shovels.                | T / F |

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

- |                   |                 |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. gathered       | a. collect      |
| 2. raise          | b. superstars   |
| 3. legends        | c. full stop    |
| 4. took part      | d. aired        |
| 5. televised      | e. basically    |
| 6. responsibility | f. got together |
| 7. simply         | g. casualties   |
| 8. willing        | h. participated |
| 9. period         | i. prepared     |
| 10. victims       | j. duty         |

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

- |                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Some of the biggest stars       | a. hit country               |
| 2. He persuaded                    | b. was to raise money        |
| 3. raise money for the earthquake- | c. of the Atlantic           |
| 4. performed on both sides         | d. of responsibility         |
| 5. streamed on                     | e. raise \$1 billion         |
| 6. we all have a lot               | f. in entertainment          |
| 7. so many stars were              | g. websites around the world |
| 8. the telethon's main goal        | h. willing to help           |
| 9. not be in                       | i. dozens of singers         |
| 10. Stars hope the telethon will   | j. the way                   |

# WHILE READING / LISTENING

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1001/100123-hope\\_for\\_haiti.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1001/100123-hope_for_haiti.html)

**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Some of the \_\_\_\_\_ stars in entertainment gathered on Friday night to help raise money for Haiti. The event, called 'Hope for Haiti Now', was \_\_\_\_\_ by actor George Clooney. He persuaded dozens of singers, sports stars and actors to \_\_\_\_\_ telephones in a telethon to raise money for the earthquake-hit country. Rock and pop \_\_\_\_\_ performed on both sides of the Atlantic. Madonna, Mary J Blige, Shakira and Sting sang in New York, while Jay-Z, Rihanna and U2's Bono took \_\_\_\_\_ in a concert in London. A \_\_\_\_\_ moment came when Haitian-American singer Wyclef Jean sang for his nation. The event was \_\_\_\_\_ on every major TV network and \_\_\_\_\_ on websites around the world.

*special*  
*answer*  
*streamed*  
*biggest*  
*legends*  
*televised*  
*organized*  
*part*

George Clooney told MTV about why he organized the \_\_\_\_\_: "It's a big world out there, and we all have a lot of responsibility to look out for people who can't look out for \_\_\_\_\_," he said. He \_\_\_\_\_ what he asked the stars to do, saying: "You got about 130 to 140 actors, athletes, singers and television \_\_\_\_\_, and they're all coming up not to be on TV, but simply to answer the phones." He said so many stars were \_\_\_\_\_ to help. Clooney went on to say that the telethon's \_\_\_\_\_ goal was to "raise money, period. That's it." He added: "If I thought that we could all pick up shovels and go in there and not be in the \_\_\_\_\_, I think a lot of people would do that." Stars hope the telethon will raise \$1 billion for the earthquake \_\_\_\_\_.

*explained*  
*way*  
*willing*  
*event*  
*main*  
*themselves*  
*victims*  
*hosts*

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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George Clooney told MTV about \_\_\_\_\_ the event: "It's a big world out there, and we all have a lot of responsibility \_\_\_\_\_ people who can't look out for themselves," he said. He explained what he asked the stars to do, saying: "You got about 130 to 140 actors, athletes, singers and television hosts, and they're all coming \_\_\_\_\_ TV, but simply to answer the phones." He said so many stars were willing to help. Clooney \_\_\_\_\_ that the telethon's main goal was to "raise money, period. That's it." He added: "If I thought that we could all pick up shovels \_\_\_\_\_ not be in the way, I think a lot of people would do that." Stars hope the telethon will \_\_\_\_\_ the earthquake victims.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

<b>hope</b>	<b>now</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>• biggest</li><li>• organized</li><li>• hit</li><li>• sides</li><li>• special</li><li>• major</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• big</li><li>• responsibility</li><li>• coming</li><li>• goal</li><li>• way</li><li>• victims</li></ul>
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# STUDENT HAITI SURVEY

From [http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1001/100123-hope\\_for\\_haiti.html](http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1001/100123-hope_for_haiti.html)

Write five GOOD questions about Haiti 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.



# HAITI DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'Haiti'?
- c) What three adjectives would you use to describe Haiti and why?
- d) What's the latest news you know about Haiti?
- e) What do think of the Hope for Haiti Now event?
- f) What's the best thing you can do for Haiti now?
- g) Do you think the stars did a good job in helping Haiti?
- h) What more could the stars do to help Haiti?
- i) Do you think events like this should be every night?
- j) Do you think people will get tired of listening to news of Haiti?

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# HAITI DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What responsibility do we have to people less fortunate than ourselves?
- c) What responsibility do big corporations have to help poorer people?
- d) Did you see any of the Hope for Haiti Now event on TV?
- e) What events for Haiti have there been in your town/country?
- f) Do you think the stars should go to Haiti and help?
- g) How should the \$1 billion be spent?
- h) What other events would you like to see to help Haiti?
- i) Would you like to go to Haiti to help?
- j) What questions would you like to ask George Clooney?

# LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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George Clooney told MTV about why he organized the event: "It's a big world out there, and we all have a lot of (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to look out for people who can't look out for themselves," he said. He explained what he (8) \_\_\_\_\_ the stars to do, saying: "You got about 130 to 140 actors, athletes, singers and television hosts, and they're all coming up (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to be on TV, but simply to answer the phones." He said so many stars were (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to help. Clooney went on to say that the telethon's main goal was to "raise money, (11) \_\_\_\_\_. That's it." He added: "If I thought that we could all pick up shovels and go in there and not be in the way, I think a lot of people would do that." Stars (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the telethon will raise \$1 billion for the earthquake victims.

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

- |     |                 |                |                 |                    |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | (a) at          | (b) on         | (c) to          | (d) in             |
| 2.  | (a) raise       | (b) rise       | (c) up          | (d) rising         |
| 3.  | (a) in          | (b) on         | (c) at          | (d) by             |
| 4.  | (a) whatever    | (b) whom       | (c) while       | (d) whiled         |
| 5.  | (a) comes       | (b) coming     | (c) came        | (d) come           |
| 6.  | (a) steamed     | (b) streamed   | (c) streaming   | (d) steaming       |
| 7.  | (a) responsible | (b) response   | (c) responsibly | (d) responsibility |
| 8.  | (a) asked       | (b) ordered    | (c) commanded   | (d) said           |
| 9.  | (a) no          | (b) not        | (c) none        | (d) neither        |
| 10. | (a) willed      | (b) will       | (c) wills       | (d) willing        |
| 11. | (a) periods     | (b) periodical | (c) period      | (d) periodically   |
| 12. | (a) hope        | (b) hopefully  | (c) hoping      | (d) hopes          |

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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 Hope For Haiti Now event. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

**4. HOPE:** Write a magazine article about Haiti. Include imaginary interviews with an earthquake victim who has no hope, the country's leader and a UN worker.

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. LETTER:** Write a letter to George Clooney. Ask him three questions about the Hope For Haiti Now event. Give him three ideas on what he could organize next for Haiti. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE:

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

## SYNONYM MATCH:

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| 6. responsibility | f. duty         |
| 7. simply         | g. basically    |
| 8. willing        | h. prepared     |
| 9. period         | i. full stop    |
| 10. victims       | j. casualties   |

## PHRASE MATCH:

- |                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
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| 2. He persuaded                    | b. dozens of singers         |
| 3. raise money for the earthquake- | c. hit country               |
| 4. performed on both sides         | d. of the Atlantic           |
| 5. streamed on                     | e. websites around the world |
| 6. we all have a lot               | f. of responsibility         |
| 7. so many stars were              | g. willing to help           |
| 8. the telethon's main goal        | h. was to raise money        |
| 9. not be in                       | i. the way                   |
| 10. Stars hope the telethon will   | j. raise \$1 billion         |

## GAP FILL:

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## LANGUAGE WORK

- 1 - d    2 - a    3 - b    4 - c    5 - c    6 - b    7 - d    8 - a    9 - b    10 - d    11 - c    12 - a