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## THE ARTICLE

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## WARM-UPS

**1. CHARITIES:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about charities. Change partners often. After you finish, sit with your original partner(s) and share what you found out.

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

*judges / capital cities / kidnapping / foster parents / rescues / orphans / street protests / embarrassment / being inhumane / silent marches / good news*

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

**3. ORPHANS:** What is the best thing to do with orphans whose parents have been lost in wars? Rate these ideas in order from 1 (terrible solution) to 8 (fantastic solution). Change partners and explain your rating.

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|--|------------------------------|
| _____ place them with foster parents     | _____ help them find work    |
| _____ let them fend for themselves       | _____ do nothing             |
| _____ search for extended family members | _____ put them in orphanages |

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

**5. QUICK DEBATE:** Students A think it's better to put African orphans with foster parents in Europe. Students B think it's better to put African orphans with foster parents in their own country. Debate this with your partners. Change partners often.

## BEFORE READING / LISTENING

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Look at the article's headline and guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

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|--|-------|
| a. Aid workers in Chad are suspected of kidnapping 103 children.     | T / F |
| b. The head of a charity wanted to fly the children to Europe.       | T / F |
| c. The Red Cross believes the children are orphans from Darfur.      | T / F |
| d. The Chadian president wants to detain the workers indefinitely.   | T / F |
| e. France says it does not really care about this incident.          | T / F |
| f. Chad is a former colonial ruler of France.                        | T / F |
| g. France's foreign minister wants to protect the charity's secrecy. | T / F |
| h. French people sent hundreds of lowers to the capital of Chad.     | T / F |

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

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|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. questioned  | a. protest      |
| 2. suspects    | b. put          |
| 3. head        | c. ignited      |
| 4. placed      | d. chief        |
| 5. released    | e. ex           |
| 6. sparked     | f. accused      |
| 7. former      | g. look into    |
| 8. inhumane    | h. set free     |
| 9. investigate | i. interrogated |
| 10. march      | j. cruel        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** Match the following phrases from the article (sometimes more than one combination is possible):

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|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. aid workers being charged with         | a. placed with foster parents |
| 2. accused of trying to illegally         | b. embarrassment in France    |
| 3. fly the children to Europe to be       | c. not even be orphans        |
| 4. rescuing them                          | d. anger in Chad              |
| 5. the children are from Chad and may     | e. take the children          |
| 6. The case has sparked                   | f. identity on the ground     |
| 7. The incident has also caused           | g. kidnapping 103 children    |
| 8. We must try them in                    | h. from the fighting in Sudan |
| 9. find out how this group could hide its | i. of support                 |
| 10. a silent march in Marseille in a show | j. court here in Chad         |

## WHILE READING / LISTENING

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

### Chad 'kidnap' suspects questioned

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The case has \_\_\_\_\_ anger in Chad, where there have been daily street \_\_\_\_\_ against the alleged kidnapers. The incident has also caused embarrassment in France, Chad's former \_\_\_\_\_ ruler. Firmin Sanda, a N'djamena resident said: "An act like this is inhumane. We cannot accept this. We must \_\_\_\_\_ them in court here in Chad." Meanwhile, France's prime minister Francois Fillon has asked Bernard Kouchner, his foreign minister, to \_\_\_\_\_ the case. "It is important to find out how this group could hide its identity on the \_\_\_\_\_," he said. In France, some 100 people carrying flowers took part in a silent \_\_\_\_\_ in Marseille in a show of support for the Europeans. The Spanish government was hopeful of receiving "some good news" about the possible \_\_\_\_\_ of the charity's airline staff.

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*charity*  
*crew*  
*planned*  
*questioned*  
*charged*  
*suspects*  
*rescuing*  
*release*  
*colonial*  
*protests*  
*ground*  
*try*  
*march*  
*sparked*  
*investigate*

## LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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## AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

<b>spark</b>	<b>anger</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 exactly how these were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• charged</li><li>• illegally</li><li>• planned</li><li>• fighting</li><li>• even</li><li>• soon</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• sparked</li><li>• embarrassment</li><li>• inhumane</li><li>• investigate</li><li>• flowers</li><li>• news</li></ul>
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## STUDENT ORPHANS SURVEY

Write five GOOD questions about orphans 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.



## **DISCUSSION**

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

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What do you know about the alleged kidnapping of 103 children?
- c) How do you think the charity could try to get so many children out of the country without telling the Chadian authorities?
- d) Do you think it's acceptable for a charity run by Europeans to move so many children to Europe and put them in foster care?
- e) Is it better for the children to stay in Africa?
- f) What should happen to the charity bosses if the children are neither orphans nor from Darfur, as they say they are?
- g) Why do you think Chad's president is so hopeful the charity workers could be released soon?
- h) Do you think Western charity workers always know what they're doing in Africa?
- i) Would you like to work for a charity in Africa?



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

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) What do you think Chadians think of this case?
- c) Do you think former colonial powers still believe they have control in the countries they once ruled?
- d) What do you think of the comments of the Chadian who said the incident was inhumane?
- e) What do you think the outcome of this story will be?
- f) Do you think the aid workers should be tried in Chad?
- g) Why do you think French people marched to support the aid workers?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Eric Breteau?
- i) Did you like this discussion?

## LANGUAGE

**CORRECT WORD:** Put the correct words from a–d below in the article.

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|-----|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) asked      | (b) questioned | (c) ordered   | (d) spoke    |
| 2.  | (a) suspicious | (b) suspicions | (c) suspects  | (d) suspense |
| 3.  | (a) first      | (b) firstly    | (c) first aid | (d) firsts   |
| 4.  | (a) place      | (b) placid     | (c) placing   | (d) placed   |
| 5.  | (a) for        | (b) over       | (c) from      | (d) in       |
| 6.  | (a) flight     | (b) fright     | (c) flying    | (d) fly      |
| 7.  | (a) sparkled   | (b) spark      | (c) sparks    | (d) sparked  |
| 8.  | (a) farmer     | (b) former     | (c) firmer    | (d) foremost |
| 9.  | (a) taste      | (b) attempt    | (c) sample    | (d) try      |
| 10. | (a) earth      | (b) carpet     | (c) ground    | (d) floor    |
| 11. | (a) party      | (b) part       | (c) parting   | (d) apart    |
| 12. | (a) of         | (b) up         | (c) over      | (d) with     |

**WRITING:**

Write about *orphans* for 10 minutes. Correct your partner's paper.

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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 more information about the children at the centre of this case. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. CHAD:** Make a poster about Chad. Show your poster to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all include similar things?

**4. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about being an orphan. Include imaginary interviews with orphans and foster parents. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down new words and expressions.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Eric Bateau. Ask him three questions about the children. Give him three pieces of advice on what he should do next. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

## ANSWERS

### TRUE / FALSE:

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

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### GAP FILL:

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### LANGUAGE WORK

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