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## **Level 4**

### **World faces biggest humanitarian crisis since 1945**

**13th March, 2017**

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**Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

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The U.N. has warned of the biggest humanitarian crisis since 1945. It pleaded with nations to help avoid "a catastrophe". Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien, said over 20 million people faced starvation in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen. He stressed the urgent need for, "accelerated global efforts to support U.N. humanitarian action on the ground". He added: "We stand at a critical point in history." He said the world faces the largest humanitarian crisis since the creation of the U.N.

The U.N. warned of misery for millions in the affected countries. It said: "Without collective...global efforts...people risk starving to death." It warned of disease, of children with stunted growth, of "lost futures, mass displacements and reversed development gains". The El Niño weather phenomenon has brought little rain, but a lot of the problems are man made. Conflicts are displacing many people. There are reports of aid convoys being attacked. Mr O'Brien said: "It is possible to avert this crisis, to avert these famines...these looming human catastrophes. It is all preventable."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. It pleaded with                  | a. starvation       |
| 2. help avoid                       | b. point in history |
| 3. over 20 million people faced     | c. need             |
| 4. He stressed the urgent           | d. of the U.N.      |
| 5. accelerated global               | e. a catastrophe    |
| 6. support U.N. humanitarian action | f. efforts          |
| 7. We stand at a critical           | g. nations          |
| 8. since the creation               | h. on the ground    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                          |                           |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The U.N. warned of    | a. preventable            |
| 2. in the affected       | b. efforts                |
| 3. collective global     | c. growth                 |
| 4. people risk starving  | d. avert this crisis      |
| 5. children with stunted | e. countries              |
| 6. reports of aid        | f. to death               |
| 7. It is possible to     | g. convoys being attacked |
| 8. It is all             | h. misery for millions    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.N. (7) \_\_\_\_\_ for millions in the affected countries. It said: "Without collective... (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people risk starving to death." It warned of disease, of children with (9) \_\_\_\_\_, of "lost futures, mass displacements and reversed development gains". The El Niño weather phenomenon has brought little rain, (10) \_\_\_\_\_ problems are man made. Conflicts are displacing many people. There are reports of aid convoys being attacked. Mr O'Brien said: "It is possible (11) \_\_\_\_\_ crisis, to avert these famines...these looming human catastrophes. (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# HUMANITARIAN CRISES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170313-humanitarian-crisis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about humanitarian crises 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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

