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## **Level 1**

# **Jobless young people a big problem**

**11th October, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151011-youth-unemployment-1.html>

The number of jobless young people worldwide is very high. Over 73 million 15-24-year-olds want to work but cannot find a job. An international labour organization said youth unemployment is coming down in rich countries, but rising in Asia, the Middle East and Brazil. In China, it was 10.6 per cent last year and could be 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the figure has gone up by 2 per cent this year.

It is very hard to be young and starting out in today's labour market. It is worst for women. The highest youth unemployment is for women in the Middle East. This figure is around 45 per cent. One big reason for youth unemployment is the global financial collapse of 2008. Many countries still have problems. Youth unemployment doesn't just affect the economy. It also affects health, peace and people's happiness.

Sources: <http://uk.reuters.com/article/2015/10/09/uk-employment-china-idUKKCN0S22QI20151009>  
<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2015/oct/08/young-jobseekers-still-struggling-says-ilo>  
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# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151011-youth-unemployment-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The number of jobless   | a. down             |
| 2. Over 73 million 15-     | b. job              |
| 3. cannot find a           | c. organization     |
| 4. An international labour | d. up by 2 per cent |
| 5. youth                   | e. young people     |
| 6. coming                  | f. unemployment     |
| 7. could be 11.1 per cent  | g. 24-year-olds     |
| 8. the figure has gone     | h. in 2016          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. It is very hard to be           | a. affect the economy |
| 2. It is worst                     | b. unemployment       |
| 3. women in the Middle             | c. happiness          |
| 4. This figure is around           | d. for women          |
| 5. One big reason for youth        | e. young              |
| 6. the global financial            | f. East               |
| 7. Youth unemployment doesn't just | g. collapse of 2008   |
| 8. peace and people's              | h. 45 per cent        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1510/151011-youth-unemployment-1.html>

The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ young people worldwide is very high. Over 73 (2) \_\_\_\_\_-year-olds want to work but (3) \_\_\_\_\_. An international labour organization said youth unemployment is coming down in rich countries, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ Asia, the Middle East and Brazil. In China, it was 10.6 per cent (5) \_\_\_\_\_ could be 11.1 per cent in 2016. In Brazil, the (6) \_\_\_\_\_ by 2 per cent this year.

It is (7) \_\_\_\_\_ young and starting out in today's labour market. (8) \_\_\_\_\_ women. The highest youth unemployment is for women (9) \_\_\_\_\_. This figure is around 45 per cent. One (10) \_\_\_\_\_ youth unemployment is the global financial collapse of 2008. Many countries (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Youth unemployment doesn't just affect the economy. (12) \_\_\_\_\_ health, peace and people's happiness.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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e)

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f)

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g)

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h)

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# WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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

a)

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c)

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