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## **Level 1** – 27th June, 2018

### **Singer calls world leaders "cowards" over refugee crisis**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180627-refugee-crisis-1.html>

The British singer Sting said world leaders were "half-men and cowards" for not solving the refugee crisis. He spoke at an Amnesty International concert in Greece. He praised Greece for helping refugees, saying: "Thank God for Greece because...you have shown how to treat refugees when other people are building walls. When children are being taken from their mothers and put in cages, you are acting with...generosity and common sense."

Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015, even though it had a financial crisis. Other countries refused to help. Many built fences to keep refugees out. Sting attacked the recent separation of more than 2,000 children from their parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US illegally. He called this policy "brutal". Some European countries still won't help refugees. Italy recently turned away a boat of 350 immigrants. Spain took them in.

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/sting-blasts-leaders-cowards-over-migration-crisis-134827897.html>  
<https://www.rte.ie/entertainment/2018/0623/972699-sting-slams-coward-leaders-over-migrants-fate/>  
<http://www.thejakartapost.com/life/2018/06/24/sting-lashes-out-at-coward-leaders-over-migrants-fate.html>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180627-refugee-crisis-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                         |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. world leaders were            | a. for helping refugees |
| 2. solving the refugee           | b. generosity           |
| 3. He praised Greece             | c. refugees             |
| 4. how to treat                  | d. sense                |
| 5. building                      | e. crisis               |
| 6. children are being taken from | f. half-men             |
| 7. you are acting with           | g. walls                |
| 8. common                        | h. their mothers        |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. even though it had a financial | a. help refugees       |
| 2. built fences to keep           | b. crisis              |
| 3. the recent separation of more  | c. a boat              |
| 4. tried to cross the             | d. than 2,000 children |
| 5. He called this policy          | e. them in             |
| 6. countries still won't          | f. Mexico border       |
| 7. Italy recently turned away     | g. refugees out        |
| 8. Spain took                     | h. "brutal"            |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180627-refugee-crisis-1.html>

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Greece (7) \_\_\_\_\_ million refugees in 2015, even though it (8) \_\_\_\_\_ crisis. Other countries refused to help. Many built fences to keep refugees out. Sting attacked the recent (9) \_\_\_\_\_ than 2,000 children from their parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US illegally. He (10) \_\_\_\_\_ "brutal". Some European countries (11) \_\_\_\_\_ refugees. Italy recently turned away a boat of 350 immigrants. Spain (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# REFUGEES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180627-refugee-crisis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about refugees 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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1806/180627-refugee-crisis-1.html>

Write about **refugees** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner’s paper.

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