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Singer calls world leaders "cowards" over refugee crisis

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THE ARTICLE

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

British singer Sting has called world leaders "half-men and cowards" for their failure to solve the refugee crisis. Sting hit out at leaders during an Amnesty International concert in Athens, Greece. Amnesty International is the largest human rights NGO in the world. Sting also praised Greece for the way it has helped refugees over the past few years. He said: "Thank God for Greece because you have shown the way. 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 compassion and generosity and common sense....Our so-called leaders, a sad parade of half-men, cowards, have not got the solutions."

Sting told crowds that Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015, even though it was dealing with a major financial crisis. Other countries refused to help the refugees. Many quickly built barbed-wire fences to keep them out. Sting had harsh words for the recent family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been detained and separated from parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US illegally. The concert audience cheered and applauded when Sting called this policy "brutal" and "barbaric". Some European countries still seem unwilling to help refugees. Italy recently turned away a German boat of 350 immigrants. Spain eventually agreed to accept the refugees.

Sources: <https://www.yahoo.com/entertainment/sting-blasts-leaders-cowards-over-migration-crisis-134827897.html>
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WARM-UPS

1. REFUGEES: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about refugees. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

world leaders / cowards / failure / concert / human rights / refugees / common sense
crowds / financial crisis / fences / separation / border / audience / brutal / immigrants

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

3. OPEN BORDERS: Students A **strongly** believe there should be open borders; Students B **strongly** believe this would be terrible. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. WHO'S RESPONSIBLE: Who or what is responsible for the refugee crisis and how can we turn it around? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Who's responsible?	How can we turn it around?
World leaders		
Famine		
War		
Corruption		
Globalization		
Racism		

5. CRISIS: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "crisis". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. SOLUTIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the best solutions to the refugee crisis at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- better leaders
- bigger refugee camps
- invest in poor countries
- open borders
- compassion
- end war
- closed borders
- education

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|---|
| 1. cowards | a. Find the answer to a problem. |
| 2. failure | b. Showing you care about and are and concerned for the sufferings or bad luck of other people. |
| 3. solve | c. A person who isn't brave or strong enough to do dangerous or unpleasant things. |
| 4. hit out | d. Lack of success. |
| 5. NGO | e. Attacked. |
| 6. compassion | f. Nongovernmental organization. |
| 7. common sense | g. Having good judgment and making the right decisions. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|----------------|---|
| 8. major | h. Moved or pulled apart. |
| 9. barbed wire | i. Important. |
| 10. fences | j. Strong and unpleasant. |
| 11. harsh | k. All of the people who are looking at or listening to a public event. |
| 12. separated | l. A long, thin, metal cable with lots of short, sharp spikes every few centimetres along it - used to make fences or in warfare as an obstruction. |
| 13. audience | m. Horribly hard and unpleasant. |
| 14. brutal | n. A barrier made from wood, wire or bushes to show where the border of something is. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

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

- a. Sting said world leaders were "half-men" for failing refugees. **T / F**
- b. Sting spoke at a concert held by a nongovernmental organization. **T / F**
- c. Sting thanked Greece for its efforts in helping refugees. **T / F**
- d. Sting said world leaders were acting with compassion. **T / F**
- e. Greece helped refugees while it had a very strong economy. **T / F**
- f. Countries put up barbed-wire fences to keep refugees out. **T / F**
- g. The crowd at the concert refused to clap Sting during the concert. **T / F**
- h. Italy recently accepted a boat of 350 refugees. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. cowards | a. tackling |
| 2. failure | b. most recent |
| 3. solve | c. care |
| 4. latest | d. held |
| 5. sympathy | e. weaklings |
| 6. dealing with | f. finally |
| 7. built | g. work out |
| 8. detained | h. clapped |
| 9. applauded | i. lack of success |
| 10. eventually | j. erected |

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

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. their failure to solve | a. from parents |
| 2. Sting hit | b. refugees |
| 3. over the past | c. fences |
| 4. how to treat | d. out at leaders |
| 5. you are acting with | e. agreed |
| 6. it was dealing with a major | f. words |
| 7. barbed-wire | g. the refugee crisis |
| 8. harsh | h. compassion |
| 9. detained and separated | i. financial crisis |
| 10. Spain eventually | j. few years |

GAP FILL

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

British singer Sting has called world leaders "half-men and cowards" for their (1) _____ to solve the refugee crisis. Sting hit out at leaders (2) _____ an Amnesty International concert in Athens, Greece. Amnesty International is the largest human rights NGO in the world. Sting also (3) _____ Greece for the way it has helped refugees over the (4) _____ few years. He said: "Thank God for Greece because you have shown the way. You have shown how to treat refugees when other people are (5) _____ walls. When children are being taken from their mothers and put in (6) _____, you are acting with compassion and generosity and common (7) _____. Our so-called leaders, a sad parade of half-men, cowards, have not got the (8) _____."

praised
cages
failure
solutions
past
sense
during
building

Sting told (9) _____ that Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015, even though it was dealing with a (10) _____ financial crisis. Other countries refused to help the refugees. Many quickly built barbed-wire (11) _____ to keep them out. Sting had harsh words for the recent family-separation (12) _____ in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been detained and separated from parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US (13) _____. The concert audience cheered and applauded when Sting called this policy "(14) _____" and "barbaric". Some European countries still seem (15) _____ to help refugees. Italy recently turned away a German boat of 350 immigrants. Spain (16) _____ agreed to accept the refugees.

policy
major
eventually
illegally
crowds
unwilling
fences
brutal

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) called world leaders "half-men and cowards" for their failure to solve _____
 - a. the refugees crisis
 - b. the refuge crisis
 - c. the refugee crisis
 - d. the refuge gee crisis
- 2) Sting also praised Greece for the way it has _____
 - a. heaped refugees
 - b. helped refugees
 - c. yelped refugees
 - d. hoped refugees
- 3) You have shown how to treat refugees when other people _____
 - a. are build in walls
 - b. are built-in walls
 - c. are building walls
 - d. are building in walls
- 4) When children are being taken from their mothers and _____
 - a. putting cages
 - b. put in cages
 - c. puts in cages
 - d. putt in cages
- 5) Our so-called leaders, a sad parade of half-men, cowards, have not _____
 - a. get the solutions
 - b. got the solutions
 - c. gets the solutions
 - d. got their solutions
- 6) even though it was dealing with a major _____
 - a. financially crisis
 - b. finance shall crisis
 - c. financial crisis
 - d. financial cries is
- 7) Sting had harsh words for the recent family-separation _____ USA
 - a. policy in their
 - b. policy on the
 - c. policing in the
 - d. policy in the
- 8) The concert audience cheered and applauded when Sting called this _____
 - a. policy "brutal"
 - b. policy "brutality"
 - c. policy "brutally"
 - d. policy "brutalize"
- 9) Some European countries still seem _____ refugees
 - a. in willing to help
 - b. unwilling too help
 - c. unwilling to help
 - d. unwilling to helps
- 10) Spain eventually agreed to _____ refugees
 - a. accept the
 - b. except the
 - c. accent the
 - d. upset the

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Sting told crowds that Greece helped (7) _____ refugees in 2015, even though it was dealing with a major financial crisis. Other countries refused to (8) _____. Many quickly built barbed-wire fences to keep them out. Sting had (9) _____ the recent family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been detained and separated from parents who (10) _____ the Mexico border into the US illegally. The concert audience cheered and applauded when Sting called this policy (11) _____. Some European countries still seem unwilling to help refugees. Italy recently turned away a German boat of 350 immigrants. Spain eventually (12) _____ the refugees.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. What did Sting say leaders failed to solve?
2. What country did Sting praise?
3. What did Sting say some countries were building?
4. Where did Sting say children were being put?
5. What did sting say world leaders did not have?
6. When did Greece help almost a million refugees?
7. What kind of fences did Sting talk about?
8. What kind of words did Sting have for a family-separation policy?
9. What did Sting call the family separation policy, besides "barbaric"?
10. How many immigrants were on a German boat?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) What did Sting say leaders failed to solve?
 - a) the refugee crisis
 - b) a crossword puzzle
 - c) a mystery
 - d) a crime
- 2) What country did Sting praise?
 - a) Italy
 - b) the USA
 - c) Greece
 - d) Libya
- 3) What did Sting say some countries were building?
 - a) canals
 - b) walls
 - c) friendships
 - d) refugee camps
- 4) Where did Sting say children were being put?
 - a) cotton
 - b) cots
 - c) care
 - d) cages
- 5) What did Sting say world leaders did not have?
 - a) solutions
 - b) nerve
 - c) friends
 - d) support
- 6) When did Greece help almost a million refugees?
 - a) 2014
 - b) 2017
 - c) 2016
 - d) 2015
- 7) What kind of fences did Sting talk about?
 - a) big ones
 - b) barbed-wire ones
 - c) conifer fences
 - d) electric fences
- 8) What kind of words did Sting have for a family-separation policy?
 - a) clever
 - b) loving
 - c) kind
 - d) harsh
- 9) What did Sting call the family separation policy, besides "barbaric"?
 - a) necessary
 - b) dull
 - c) brutal
 - d) interesting
- 10) How many immigrants were on a German boat?
 - a) 340
 - b) 350
 - c) 360
 - d) 370

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – Better Leaders

You think having better leaders is the best way to ease the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): open borders, compassion or bigger refugee camps.

Role B – Open Borders

You think open borders is the best way to ease the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): better leaders, compassion or bigger refugee camps.

Role C – Compassion

You think compassion is the best way to ease the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): open borders, better leaders or bigger refugee camps.

Role D – Bigger Refugee Camps

You think having bigger refugee camps is the best way to ease the refugee crisis. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ways. Also, tell the others which is the least effective of these (and why): open borders, compassion or better leaders.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

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

world	leader

- 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">• failure• hit• largest• past• walls• common	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• nearly• help• words• border• cheered• accept
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REFUGEES SURVEY

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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.

REFUGEES DISCUSSION

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

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'world'?
3. What word would you use to describe your leader?
4. What do you think of other world leaders?
5. What makes a strong leader?
6. What kind of leader would you be?
7. Do you think world leaders are cowards?
8. What do you think of the refugee crisis?
9. What can we do to help the refugees?
10. How compassionate is your country?

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REFUGEES DISCUSSION

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

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'leader'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is your country's policy on refugees?
15. Why are there so many refugees in the world?
16. What do you know about the border crisis in the USA?
17. How wrong is it for a country to separate children from parents?
18. What would life be like as a refugee?
19. How bad is it for a country turn away refugees?
20. What questions would you like to ask your country's leader?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Sting told crowds that Greece helped (7) _____ a million refugees in 2015, even though it was dealing with a major financial crisis. Other countries refused to help the refugees. Many quickly built barbed-wire (8) _____ to keep them out. Sting had harsh words for the recent family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been (9) _____ and separated from parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US illegally. The concert audience (10) _____ and applauded when Sting called this policy "brutal" and "barbaric". Some European countries still seem (11) _____ to help refugees. Italy recently turned away a German boat of 350 immigrants. Spain (12) _____ agreed to accept the refugees.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|--------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | (a) failed | (b) failure | (c) fail | (d) fails |
| 2. | (a) struck | (b) slapped | (c) punched | (d) hit |
| 3. | (a) GNO | (b) NGO | (c) OGN | (d) GON |
| 4. | (a) pursued | (b) prosed | (c) praised | (d) pleased |
| 5. | (a) treat | (b) threat | (c) tweet | (d) teach |
| 6. | (a) sense | (b) sauce | (c) source | (d) scents |
| 7. | (a) closely | (b) close | (c) most | (d) nearly |
| 8. | (a) fences | (b) arches | (c) walls | (d) windows |
| 9. | (a) donated | (b) detained | (c) dethroned | (d) detested |
| 10. | (a) pleased | (b) clap | (c) cheered | (d) thanked |
| 11. | (a) wavering | (b) waving | (c) unwilling | (d) uniting |
| 12. | (a) events | (b) eventually | (c) eventing | (d) event |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. their feuirl to solve the refugee crisis
2. during an Amnesty International orcetnc
3. Sting also paeidrs Greece
4. how to ratte refugees
5. acting with oocsansipm
6. got the tlusnisoo

Paragraph 2

7. a major lanicnaif crisis
8. cross the Mexico brodre
9. The concert ndaeiuec cheered
10. Sting called this plycoi "brutal"
11. Italy trlyence turned away a German boat
12. Spain lyeuaeltvn agreed to accept

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () sense....Our so-called leaders, a sad parade of half-men, cowards, have not got the solutions."
- () the refugee crisis. Sting hit out at leaders during an Amnesty International concert in Athens, Greece. Amnesty International
- (**1**) British singer Sting has called world leaders "half-men and cowards" for their failure to solve
- () taken from their mothers and put in cages, you are acting with compassion and generosity and common
- () financial crisis. Other countries refused to help the refugees. Many quickly built barbed-wire fences to keep them
- () and "barbaric". Some European countries still seem unwilling to help refugees. Italy recently turned away
- () Sting told crowds that Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015, even though it was dealing with a major
- () is the largest human rights NGO in the world. Sting also praised Greece for the way it has helped
- () out. Sting had harsh words for the recent family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000
- () way. You have shown how to treat refugees when other people are building walls. When children are being
- () children have been detained and separated from parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US
- () refugees over the past few years. He said: "Thank God for Greece because you have shown the
- () a German boat of 350 immigrants. Spain eventually agreed to accept the refugees.
- () illegally. The concert audience cheered and applauded when Sting called this policy "brutal"

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. world singer called "half-men" . has Sting British leaders
2. refugee to failure solve Their crisis . the
3. NGO largest world . in the rights human The
4. have refugees . how to shown treat You
5. their are being Children from mothers . taken
6. nearly Greece refugees a in million 2015 . helped
7. the Other to refused countries help refugees .
8. detained . been have More than children 2,000
9. European help . countries to seem Some unwilling still
10. agreed eventually the Spain refugees . accept to

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

British singer Sting has *called* / *calling* world leaders "half-men and cowards" for their failure to *solution* / *solve* the refugee crisis. Sting hit *up* / *out* at leaders during an Amnesty International concert in Athens, Greece. Amnesty International is the largest human rights NGO *in* / *on* the world. Sting also praised Greece for the way it has helped refugees *under* / *over* the past few years. He said: "Thank God for Greece because you have *shown* / *shorn* the way. You have shown how to *treat* / *treaty* refugees when other people are building walls. When children are *been* / *being* taken from their mothers and put in cages, you are *action* / *acting* with compassion and generosity and common sense....Our so-called leaders, a *sadly* / *sad* parade of half-men, cowards, have not got the solutions."

Sting told *crowding* / *crowds* that Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015, *even* / *ever* though it was dealing with a major financial crisis. Other countries *refused* / *confused* to help the refugees. Many quickly *build* / *built* barbed-wire fences to keep them out. Sting had *harsh* / *hush* words for the recent family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been detained and *separation* / *separated* from parents who tried to cross the Mexico border *into* / *onto* the US illegally. The concert audience cheered and applauded when Sting called this *police* / *policy* "brutal" and "barbaric". Some European countries still seem *willingly* / *unwillingly* to help refugees. Italy recently turned away a German boat of 350 immigrants. Spain eventually agreed to *accept* / *except* the refugees.

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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B r _ t _ s _ h _ s _ n _ g _ r _ S t _ n _ g _ h _ s _ c _ l _ l _ d _ w _ r _ l _ d _ l _ _ _ d _ r _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

british singer sting has called world leaders halfmen and cowards for their failure to solve the refugee crisis sting hit out at leaders during an amnesty international concert in athens greece amnesty international is the largest human rights ngo in the world sting also praised greece for the way it has helped refugees over the past few years he said thank god for greece because you have shown the way 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 compassion and generosity and common sense our so called leaders a sad parade of halfmen cowards have not got the solutions

sting told crowds that greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015 even though it was dealing with a major financial crisis other countries refused to help the refugees many quickly built barbedwire fences to keep them out sting had harsh words for the recent familyseparation policy in the usa more than 2000 children have been detained and separated from parents who tried to cross the mexico border into the us illegally the concert audience cheered and applauded when sting called this policy brutal and barbaric some european countries still seem unwilling to help refugees italy recently turned away a german boat of 350 immigrants spain eventually agreed to accept the refugees.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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British singer Sting has called world leaders "half-men and cowards" for their failure to solve the refugee crisis. Sting hit out at leaders during an Amnesty International concert in Athens, Greece. Amnesty International is the largest human rights NGO in the world. Sting also praised Greece for the way it has helped refugees over the past few years. He said: "Thank God for Greece because you have shown the way. 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 reacting with compassion and generosity and common sense.... Our so-called leaders, as a parade of half-men, cowards, have not got the solutions." Sting told the crowd that Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015, even though it was dealing with a major financial crisis. Other countries refused to help the refugees. Many quickly built barbed-wire fences to keep them out. Sting had harsh words for the recent family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been detained and separated from parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US illegally. The concert audience cheered and applauded when Sting called this policy "brutal" and "barbaric". Some European countries still seem unwilling to help refugees. Italy recently turned away a German boat of 350 immigrants. Spain eventually agreed to accept the refugees.

FREE WRITING

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Write about **refugees** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.

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 this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. WELCOME: Write a magazine article about more countries having to accept more refugees. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

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. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on refugees. Ask him/her three questions about the crisis. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to give more help to refugees. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. c 2. d 3. a 4. e 5. f 6. b 7. g
8. i 9. l 10. n 11. j 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. cowards | a. weaklings |
| 2. failure | b. lack of success |
| 3. solve | c. work out |
| 4. latest | d. most recent |
| 5. sympathy | e. care |
| 6. dealing with | f. tackling |
| 7. built | g. erected |
| 8. detained | h. held |
| 9. applauded | i. clapped |
| 10. eventually | j. finally |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The refugee crisis
2. Greece
3. Walls
4. In cages
5. Solutions
6. 2015
7. Barbed-wire fences
8. Harsh words
9. Brutal
10. 350

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. British singer Sting has called world leaders "half-men".
2. Their failure to solve the refugee crisis.
3. The largest human rights NGO in the world.
4. You have shown how to treat refugees.
5. Children are being taken from their mothers.
6. Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015.
7. Other countries refused to help the refugees.
8. More than 2,000 children have been detained.
9. Some European countries still seem unwilling to help.
10. Spain eventually agreed to accept the refugees.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)