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## **George Clooney 'saddened' over child labour links**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

The Oscar-winning actor and director George Clooney has spoken about allegations of child labour at the Nespresso coffee company, for which he is brand ambassador. Clooney is a member of Nespresso's sustainability advisory board, which aims to ensure coffee is sourced from ethical and sustainable suppliers. He said: "We knew it was a big project when it started seven years ago, and honestly I was surprised and saddened to see this story." An undercover investigation by the UK TV company Channel 4 filmed children on six coffee plantations in Guatemala picking coffee beans and carrying large sacks of coffee on their backs. The farms supply coffee beans to Nespresso.

Mr Clooney has vowed that, "work will be done" by Nespresso to eradicate any forms of child labour within its operations. Clooney spoke about his own upbringing, living on a tobacco farm in the USA and picking tobacco during his school holidays. He said: "Having grown up working on a tobacco farm from the time I was 12, I'm uniquely aware of the complex issues regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso said it has launched a "thorough investigation" and has suspended all purchases from the plantations. It added: "Nespresso has zero tolerance of child labour. It is unacceptable. We will continue to do all we can to stamp out child labour. It has no place in our supply chain."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2020/feb/26/george-clooney-saddened-by-alleged-child-labour-on-nespresso-coffee-farms>  
<https://news.sky.com/story/george-clooney-saddened-by-child-labour-at-farms-used-by-nespresso-11943415>  
<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-britain-slavery-coffee/george-clooney-saddened-over-nespresso-link-to-child-labor-in-guatemala-idUSKCN20K20X>

# WARM-UPS

**1. CHILD LABOUR:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about child labour. 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?

actor / director / allegations / brand / ambassador / child labour / project / plantations  
vowed / upbringing / tobacco / farm / aware / complex / issues / zero / tolerance

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

**3. EIGHTEEN:** Students A **strongly** believe no one should be allowed to work under the age of 18; Students B **strongly** believe 13 is OK (part-time only). Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**4. CHILD EXPOITATION:** What do you know about child exploitation in these areas? How can we stop it? What should the punishment be for those forcing the children into these situations? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What You Know	How To Stop It	Punishment
Child labour			
Child soldiers			
Prostitution			
Drug trafficking			
Gangs			
Other _____			

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

**6. COFFEE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the best coffee products at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Coffee chocolate
- Cafe au Lait
- Coffee milkshake
- Coffee cookies
- Coffee brownies
- Coffee candy
- Coffee-rubbed steak
- Coffee ice cream

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

## Paragraph 1

- |                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 1. allegation     | a. Having the power to make recommendations but not to take action to enforce them.                         |
| 2. ambassador     | b. Involving secret work, especially for the purposes of an investigation.                                  |
| 3. sustainability | c. A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof. |
| 4. advisory       | d. Avoidance of the using up of natural resources in order to maintain an ecological balance.               |
| 5. ethical        | e. A person who acts as a representative or promoter of a company or activity.                              |
| 6. plantation     | f. Morally good or correct.   |
| 7. undercover     | g. An area in which trees or bushes have been planted, especially for commercial purposes.                  |

## Paragraph 2

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 8. vowed       | h. Destroy completely; put an end to.   |
| 9. eradicate   | i. The treatment and instruction received by a child from its parents throughout its childhood.                           |
| 10. upbringing | j. Temporarily prevented from continuing or being in force or effect.   |
| 11. uniquely   | k. Promised.  |
| 12. thorough   | l. The ability or willingness to accept the opinions or behavior of other people, even though you do not agree with them. |
| 13. suspended  | m. Complete with regard to every detail.  |
| 14. tolerance  | n. In a way that belongs or is connected to only one particular person or thing.  |

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

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

- a. George Clooney is a brand ambassador for the company Nespresso. **T / F**
- b. Mr Clooney is a member of Nespresso's board of directors. **T / F**
- c. Mr Clooney said he wasn't surprised when he heard the news. **T / F**
- d. An undercover investigation filmed 16 coffee plantations. **T / F**
- e. Clooney promised Nespresso would end child labour in its operations. **T / F**
- f. Mr Clooney picked tobacco on a farm when he was 12 years old. **T / F**
- g. Nespresso is still buying coffee from plantations using child labour. **T / F**
- h. Nespresso said it has zero tolerance towards child labour. **T / F**

## 2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- |                       |                |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| <b>1. allegations</b> | a. see to it   |
| <b>2. ensure</b>      | b. rigorous    |
| <b>3. ethical</b>     | c. promised    |
| <b>4. undercover</b>  | d. complicated |
| <b>5. supply</b>      | e. acceptance  |
| <b>6. vowed</b>       | f. provide     |
| <b>7. eradicate</b>   | g. claims      |
| <b>8. complex</b>     | h. moral       |
| <b>9. thorough</b>    | i. end         |
| <b>10. tolerance</b>  | j. covert      |

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

- |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|
| 1. spoken about allegations                  | a. tolerance             |
| 2. a member of Nespresso's sustainability    | b. on their backs        |
| 3. ensure coffee is sourced from ethical and | c. work will be done     |
| 4. An undercover                             | d. of child labour       |
| 5. carrying large sacks of coffee            | e. issues                |
| 6. Mr Clooney has vowed that                 | f. upbringing            |
| 7. Clooney spoke about his own               | g. investigation         |
| 8. I'm uniquely aware of the complex         | h. advisory board        |
| 9. zero                                      | i. out child labour      |
| 10. do all we can to stamp                   | j. sustainable suppliers |

# GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

The Oscar-winning actor and director George Clooney has spoken about (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of child labour at the Nespresso coffee company, for which he is brand (2) \_\_\_\_\_. Clooney is a member of Nespresso's sustainability (3) \_\_\_\_\_ board, which aims to ensure coffee is sourced from ethical and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ suppliers. He said: "We knew it was a big project when it started seven years ago, and (5) \_\_\_\_\_ I was surprised and saddened to see this story." An (6) \_\_\_\_\_ investigation by the UK TV company Channel 4 filmed children on six coffee (7) \_\_\_\_\_ in Guatemala picking coffee beans and carrying large sacks of coffee on their backs. The farms (8) \_\_\_\_\_ coffee beans to Nespresso.

Mr Clooney has (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that, "work will be done" by Nespresso to eradicate any forms of child labour within its (10) \_\_\_\_\_. Clooney spoke about his own (11) \_\_\_\_\_, living on a tobacco farm in the USA and picking tobacco during his school holidays. He said: "Having grown up working on a tobacco farm from the time I was 12, I'm (12) \_\_\_\_\_ aware of the complex issues regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso said it has launched a "(13) \_\_\_\_\_ investigation" and has suspended all purchases from the plantations. It added: "Nespresso has zero (14) \_\_\_\_\_ of child labour. It is unacceptable. We will continue to do all we can to (15) \_\_\_\_\_ out child labour. It has no place in our supply (16) \_\_\_\_\_."

*sustainable*  
*ambassador*  
*plantations*  
*honestly*  
*allegations*  
*supply*  
*advisory*  
*undercover*

*operations*  
*stamp*  
*thorough*  
*upbringing*  
*chain*  
*vowed*  
*tolerance*  
*uniquely*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

- 1) director George Clooney has spoken about \_\_\_\_\_ labour
  - a. allegation of child
  - b. allegories of child
  - c. algorithms of child
  - d. allegations of child
- 2) at the Nespresso coffee company, for which he is \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. brand ambassador
  - b. bland ambassador
  - c. blend ambassador
  - d. blind ambassador
- 3) which aims to ensure coffee is sourced from ethical and \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sustainability suppliers
  - b. sustainable suppliers
  - c. sustain a ball suppliers
  - d. sustain able suppliers
- 4) We knew it was a big project when it started seven years ago, and \_\_\_\_\_ surprised
  - a. honestly I was
  - b. honest it was
  - c. honesty I was
  - d. honestly it was
- 5) plantations in Guatemala picking coffee beans and carrying large \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. sack of coffee
  - b. shacks of coffee
  - c. sacks of coffee
  - d. smacks of coffee
- 6) vowed that, "work will be done" by Nespresso to \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. eradicate any farms
  - b. eradicate any firms
  - c. eradicate any frames
  - d. eradicate any forms
- 7) working on a tobacco farm from the time I was 12, I'm \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. unique aware
  - b. uniquely aware
  - c. you niche aware
  - d. you nick aware
- 8) and child labour." Nespresso said it has launched a " \_\_\_\_\_ "
  - a. thoroughly investigation
  - b. through investigation
  - c. trough investigation
  - d. though investigation
- 9) all purchases from the plantations. It added: "Nespresso \_\_\_\_\_"
  - a. has zeroed tolerance
  - b. has zeros tolerant
  - c. has zero tolerant
  - d. has zero tolerance
- 10) stamp out child labour. It has no place in \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. our supplies chain
  - b. our surprise chain
  - c. our supply chain
  - d. our supple chain

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

The Oscar-winning (1) \_\_\_\_\_ George Clooney has spoken about allegations of child labour at the Nespresso coffee company, for which he is brand ambassador. Clooney is (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Nespresso's sustainability advisory board, which (3) \_\_\_\_\_ coffee is sourced from (4) \_\_\_\_\_ suppliers. He said: "We knew it was a big project when it started seven years ago, and honestly I was surprised and saddened to see this story." An (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the UK TV company Channel 4 filmed children on six coffee plantations in Guatemala picking coffee beans and (6) \_\_\_\_\_ of coffee on their backs. The farms supply coffee beans to Nespresso.

Mr Clooney (7) \_\_\_\_\_, "work will be done" by Nespresso to eradicate any forms of child labour within its operations. Clooney spoke about (8) \_\_\_\_\_, living on a tobacco farm in the USA and picking tobacco during his school holidays. He said: "Having grown up working on a tobacco farm from the time I was 12, I'm (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the complex issues regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso said it has launched (10) \_\_\_\_\_ and has suspended all purchases from the plantations. It added: "Nespresso has (11) \_\_\_\_\_ child labour. It is unacceptable. We will continue to do all we can to stamp out child labour. It has no place in (12) \_\_\_\_\_."



# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

1. What did the article say George Clooney had won?
2. What role does George Clooney play in the Nespresso company?
3. When did Nespresso's big project start?
4. What is the name of the TV company that conducted an investigation?
5. In how many plantations did the TV company find child labour?
6. What did Mr Clooney vow Nespresso would do?
7. Where did Mr Clooney work when he was 12?
8. What has Nespresso launched?
9. What kind of tolerance does Nespresso have for child labour?
10. What did Nespresso say it would stamp out?

# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

- 1) What did the article say George Clooney had won?
  - a) fans
  - b) an Oscar
  - c) a coffee award
  - d) hearts and minds
- 2) What role does George Clooney play in the Nespresso company?
  - a) coffee taster
  - b) CEO
  - c) actor
  - d) brand ambassador
- 3) When did Nespresso's big project start?
  - a) seven years ago
  - b) six years ago
  - c) eight years ago
  - d) last year
- 4) What is the name of the TV company that conducted an investigation?
  - a) ITV
  - b) Sky
  - c) Channel 4
  - d) BBC
- 5) In how many plantations did the TV company find child labour?
  - a) five
  - b) six
  - c) four
  - d) seven
- 6) What did Mr Clooney vow Nespresso would do?
  - a) make better coffee
  - b) apologise
  - c) eradicate child labour
  - d) pay compensation
- 7) Where did Mr Clooney work when he was 12?
  - a) McDonald's
  - b) a movie theatre
  - c) Hollywood
  - d) a tobacco farm
- 8) What has Nespresso launched?
  - a) a thorough investigation
  - b) a new brand
  - c) a new company
  - d) a rocket
- 9) What kind of tolerance does Nespresso have for child labour?
  - a) zero tolerance
  - b) a normal amount
  - c) a little
  - d) quite a bit
- 10) What did Nespresso say it would stamp out?
  - a) coffee disease
  - b) child labour
  - c) corruption
  - d) bad bosses

# ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

## **Role A – Coffee Chocolate**

You think coffee chocolate is the best coffee product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): coffee brownies, coffee candy or coffee ice cream.

## **Role B – Coffee Brownies**

You think coffee brownies are the best coffee products. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): coffee chocolate, coffee candy or coffee ice cream.

## **Role C – Coffee Candy**

You think coffee candy is the best coffee product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): coffee brownies, coffee chocolate or coffee ice cream.

## **Role D – Coffee Ice-Cream**

You think coffee ice cream is the best coffee product. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their products. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): coffee brownies, coffee candy or coffee chocolate.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

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

child	labour

- 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"><li>• spoken</li><li>• brand</li><li>• aims</li><li>• honestly</li><li>• six</li><li>• sacks</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• forms</li><li>• upbringing</li><li>• holidays</li><li>• aware</li><li>• zero</li><li>• chain</li></ul>
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# CHILD LABOUR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

Write five GOOD questions about child labour 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.

# CHILD LABOUR 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 'child'?
3. Why does child labour exist in this world?
4. What do you think of child labour?
5. What is the earliest age at which someone can work?
6. Is a child helping in their parent's business child labour?
7. What should happen to companies using child labour?
8. How much do you care about ethical sourcing?
9. How important is sustainability?
10. What can George Clooney do to stop child labour?

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# CHILD LABOUR 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 'labour'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What instances of child labour are there in your country?
15. How old were you when you first started working?
16. Should we boycott companies that use child labour?
17. Are profits more important for companies than ethics?
18. Should celebrities do more to highlight social issues?
19. What advice do you have for exploited children?
20. What questions would you like to ask Nespresso officials?

## **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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

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

- |     |                |                |                 |                |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) allegories | (b) algorithms | (c) allegations | (d) alleges    |
| 2.  | (a) brand      | (b) bland      | (c) blend       | (d) blind      |
| 3.  | (a) board      | (b) plank      | (c) timber      | (d) slat       |
| 4.  | (a) project    | (b) forecast   | (c) reckon      | (d) convey     |
| 5.  | (a) covering   | (b) undercover | (c) coverage    | (d) covered    |
| 6.  | (a) vats       | (b) utilities  | (c) tanks       | (d) sacks      |
| 7.  | (a) wowed      | (b) mowed      | (c) vowed       | (d) sowed      |
| 8.  | (a) upped      | (b) upper      | (c) upping      | (d) upbringing |
| 9.  | (a) uniquely   | (b) clique     | (c) antique     | (d) piqued     |
| 10. | (a) thorough   | (b) thought    | (c) through     | (d) though     |
| 11. | (a) reliance   | (b) tolerance  | (c) convenience | (d) repentance |
| 12. | (a) rope       | (b) lock       | (c) chain       | (d) series     |



# SPELLING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

## Paragraph 1

1. leoglaitsan of child labour
2. he is brand ambsoadrsa
3. vdrsiyao board
4. ethical and lisabsenuta suppliers
5. An undercover ivtnsgneoita
6. coffee tlntaonpasi

## Paragraph 2

7. eetcaadir any forms of child labour
8. spoke about his own nrnibgpigu
9. I'm lnueuyqi aware
10. the cmpeoxl issues
11. sdependsu all purchases
12. zero erteoanlc

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

**Number these lines in the correct order.**

- ( ) can to stamp out child labour. It has no place in our supply chain."
- ( ) sustainable suppliers. He said: "We knew it was a big project when it started seven years ago, and honestly
- ( ) operations. Clooney spoke about his own upbringing, living on a tobacco farm in the USA and picking
- ( ) by the UK TV company Channel 4 filmed children on six coffee plantations in Guatemala picking coffee beans and carrying
- ( ) tobacco during his school holidays. He said: "Having grown up working on a tobacco farm from the time
- ( ) "Nespresso has zero tolerance of child labour. It is unacceptable. We will continue to do all we
- ( ) Mr Clooney has vowed that, "work will be done" by Nespresso to eradicate any forms of child labour within its
- ( ) I was surprised and saddened to see this story." An undercover investigation
- ( ) a "thorough investigation" and has suspended all purchases from the plantations. It added:
- ( ) I was 12, I'm uniquely aware of the complex issues regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso said it has launched
- ( ) of child labour at the Nespresso coffee company, for which he is brand ambassador. Clooney is a member
- ( **1** ) The Oscar-winning actor and director George Clooney has spoken about allegations
- ( ) of Nespresso's sustainability advisory board, which aims to ensure coffee is sourced from ethical and
- ( ) large sacks of coffee on their backs. The farms supply coffee beans to Nespresso.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

1. labour . has of about child Clooney spoken allegations
2. a board . He's sustainability Nespresso's advisory member of
3. sourced Coffee is ethical suppliers . from sustainable and
4. was It started . big a it project when
5. backs . sacks Carrying coffee of large their on
6. of within labour child forms its operations . Eradicate
7. am uniquely complex issues . I aware of the
8. it investigation . launched thorough a said Nespresso has
9. we do continue will We can . all to
10. no place our in has chain . supply It

# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour.html>

The Oscar-winning actor and director George Clooney has spoken about *allegations / allegation* of child labour at the Nespresso coffee company, for which he is *bland / brand* ambassador. Clooney is a member of Nespresso's sustainability advisory *bored / board*, which aims to ensure coffee is *sourced / sauces* from ethical and sustainable *supplying / suppliers*. He said: "We knew it was a big project when it started seven years ago, and *honest / honestly* I was surprised and saddened to see this story." An *undercover / uncover* investigation by the UK TV company Channel 4 filmed children on six coffee *planting / plantations* in Guatemala picking coffee beans and carrying large *socks / sacks* of coffee on their backs. The farms *supply / demand* coffee beans to Nespresso.

Mr Clooney has *vowed / wowed* that, "work will be done" by Nespresso to *eradicate / educate* any forms of child labour *within / wither* its operations. Clooney spoke about his own *downgrading / upbringing*, living on a tobacco farm in the USA and picking tobacco during his school holidays. He said: "*Having / Had* grown up working on a tobacco farm from the time I was 12, I'm *uniquely / unique* aware of the complex issues regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso said it has *launch / launched* a "thorough investigation" and has *suspended / suspense* all purchases from the plantations. It added: "Nespresso has zero *tolerate / tolerance* of child labour. It is unacceptable. We will continue to do all we can to stamp out child labour. It has *no / not* place in our supply chain."

**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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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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

**3. CHILD LABOUR:** Make a poster about child labour. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. BOYCOTT:** Write a magazine article about international boycotts for any company found to be abusing children or anyone else. 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 child labour. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on what we should do about companies engaged in child labour. 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. e    3. d    4. a    5. f    6. g    7. b  
8. k    9. h    10. i    11. n    12. m    13. j    14. l

## TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. g	2. a	3. h	4. j	5. f
6. c	7. i	8. d	9. b	10. e

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. An Oscar
2. Brand ambassador
3. Seven years ago
4. Channel 4
5. Six
6. Eradicate child labour
7. On a tobacco farm
8. A thorough investigation
9. Zero tolerance
10. Child labour

## WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. Clooney has spoken about allegations of child labour.
2. He's a member of Nespresso's sustainability advisory board.
3. Coffee is sourced from ethical and sustainable suppliers.
4. It was a big project when it started.
5. Carrying large sacks of coffee on their backs.
6. Eradicate forms of child labour within its operations.
7. I am uniquely aware of the complex issues.
8. Nespresso said it has launched a thorough investigation.
9. We will continue to do all we can.
10. It has no place in our supply chain.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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