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**Level 4 – 10th July 2023**

## **UK politician orders removal of cartoons for child asylum seekers**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230710-child-asylum-seekers-4.html>

The UK immigration minister Robert Jenrick has ordered the removal of Disney cartoons from the wall of an asylum centre. The Disney characters were there to make asylum-seeking children happier. The centre looks after children who arrive without their parents. Jenrick reportedly said the art sends a message that the UK is "too welcoming". A UK priority is to stop boats of asylum seekers from arriving.

British artists have responded by offering to repaint the centre. High-profile artists want to create art that is welcoming for the stressed children. One artist told The Art Newspaper that he was "baffled" that the original artwork was painted over. He called it "pointless cruelty". He said his artwork might make Jenrick "think twice" about destroying the artists' work, "just to deny a vulnerable child something fun".

Sources: <https://www.theartnewspaper.com/2023/07/06/leading-uk-artists-offer-to-create-murals-in-refugee-detention-centres-after-government-minister-orders-staff-to-destroy-welcoming-artwork>  
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-politics-66132158>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2023/jul/07/robert-jenrick-has-cartoon-murals-painted-over-at-childrens-asylum-centre>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230710-child-asylum-seekers-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Jenrick has ordered the removal | a. children happier      |
| 2. the wall of                     | b. a message             |
| 3. make asylum-seeking             | c. without their parents |
| 4. children who arrive             | d. from arriving         |
| 5. the art sends                   | e. of Disney cartoons    |
| 6. the UK is too                   | f. priority              |
| 7. A UK                            | g. an asylum centre      |
| 8. stop boats of asylum seekers    | h. welcoming             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. British artists have             | a. stressed children |
| 2. High-profile                     | b. child             |
| 3. art that is welcoming for the    | c. over              |
| 4. the original artwork was painted | d. fun               |
| 5. artwork might make Jenrick think | e. artists           |
| 6. destroying the artists'          | f. twice             |
| 7. deny a vulnerable                | g. work              |
| 8. something                        | h. responded         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Robert Jenrick has (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Disney cartoons from the wall of an asylum centre. The Disney characters were (3) \_\_\_\_\_ asylum-seeking children happier. The centre (4) \_\_\_\_\_ who arrive without their parents. Jenrick reportedly said the art (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that the UK is "too welcoming". A UK (6) \_\_\_\_\_ stop boats of asylum seekers from arriving.

British artists have (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to repaint the centre. High-profile artists want to create art (8) \_\_\_\_\_ for the stressed children. One artist told The Art Newspaper that (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that the original artwork was painted over. He called (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He said his artwork might make Jenrick (11) \_\_\_\_\_ destroying the artists' work, "just to (12) \_\_\_\_\_ child something fun".

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHILD ASYLUM SEEKERS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2307/230710-child-asylum-seekers-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about child asylum seekers 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) \_\_\_\_\_

