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## **Level 5**

### **Myanmar and Iraq most generous countries**

**28th October, 2016**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161028-charity-5.html>

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**Please try Levels 4 and 6. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161028-charity-5.html>

Myanmar was once ruled by a military junta but changed after returning to democratic ways. The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has just stated the country has the world's most generous people. It is the third successive year it has got this accolade. The CAF "World Giving Index" found that 91 per cent of Myanmar residents gave to charity in the past year, 62% helped a stranger, and 55% volunteered. A government spokesman said: "The results demonstrate very sharply how a 'poor' country can be a 'rich' one through its generosity, by focusing on giving rather than getting."

The report also found that people in Iraq are the kindest to strangers. Eight in 10 Iraqis helped someone they don't know in the past year. The BBC commented on the significance of this, given the turmoil Iraq has been in for years. It stated that: "It is the kindness of Iraqis...to complete strangers in the face of years of conflict and terrible violence which stands out in the list." The CAF said: "The generosity of people, even in countries suffering from disaster and turmoil, is truly humbling." It added: "Unconditional gifts of time and money are a life-changing force for good in the world."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |   |                           |
|---|---------------------------|
| 1. ruled by a military                  | a. ways                   |
| 2. after returning to democratic        | b. this accolade          |
| 3. the third successive                 | c. sharply how            |
| 4. it has got                           | d. than getting           |
| 5. gave to charity                      | e. year                   |
| 6. The results demonstrate very         | f. junta                  |
| 7. a 'poor' country can be a 'rich' one | g. in the past year       |
| 8. focusing on giving rather            | h. through its generosity |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. people in Iraq are the kindest | a. significance of this |
| 2. Eight in                       | b. years of conflict    |
| 3. The BBC commented on the       | c. from disaster        |
| 4. given the turmoil Iraq         | d. force for good       |
| 5. in the face of                 | e. to strangers         |
| 6. countries suffering            | f. humbling             |
| 7. truly                          | g. 10 Iraqis            |
| 8. a life-changing                | h. has been in          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Myanmar was (1) \_\_\_\_\_ military junta but changed after returning (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The Charities Aid Foundation (CAF) has just stated the country has the world's most generous people. It is the third successive year it has (3) \_\_\_\_\_. The CAF "World Giving Index" found that 91 per cent of Myanmar (4) \_\_\_\_\_ charity in the past year, 62% helped a stranger, and 55% volunteered. A government spokesman said: "The results demonstrate (5) \_\_\_\_\_ 'poor' country can be a 'rich' one through its generosity, (6) \_\_\_\_\_ giving rather than getting."

The report also found that people in Iraq are the (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Eight in 10 Iraqis helped someone they don't know in the past year. The BBC commented on (8) \_\_\_\_\_ this, given the turmoil Iraq has been in for years. It stated that: "It is the kindness of Iraqis...to complete strangers (9) \_\_\_\_\_ years of conflict and terrible violence which (10) \_\_\_\_\_ list." The CAF said: "The generosity of people, even in countries suffering from disaster and turmoil, (11) \_\_\_\_\_." It added: "Unconditional gifts of time and money are a (12) \_\_\_\_\_ good in the world."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# CHARITY SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161028-charity-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about charity 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 <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1610/161028-charity-5.html>

Write about **charity** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.

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