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Level 2 – 27th June, 2018

Singer calls world leaders "cowards" over refugee crisis

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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The British singer Sting called world leaders "half-men and cowards" because they won't solve the refugee crisis. He hit out at leaders during an Amnesty International concert in Greece. He praised Greece for helping 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...generosity and common sense." He called world leaders "half-men" and "cowards" who have no solutions.

Sting said Greece helped nearly a million refugees in 2015, even though it had a financial crisis. Other countries refused to help the refugees. Many built barbed-wire fences to keep them out. Sting attacked the recent family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been separated from parents who tried to cross the Mexico border into the US illegally. The concert audience cheered when Sting called this policy "brutal". Some European countries still won't help refugees. Italy recently turned away a boat of 350 immigrants. Spain eventually took them in.

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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. they won't solve the | a. with generosity |
| 2. He hit out | b. refugee crisis |
| 3. over the past | c. refugees |
| 4. how to treat | d. no solutions |
| 5. children are being taken | e. few years |
| 6. you are acting | f. sense |
| 7. common | g. from their mothers |
| 8. cowards who have | h. at leaders |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. a financial | a. been separated |
| 2. Many built barbed- | b. of 350 immigrants |
| 3. the recent family-separation | c. cheered |
| 4. More than 2,000 children have | d. wire fences |
| 5. The concert audience | e. them in |
| 6. countries still won't | f. policy |
| 7. turned away a boat | g. crisis |
| 8. Spain eventually took | h. help refugees |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The British singer Sting called world leaders "half-men and cowards" because (1) _____ the refugee crisis. He hit out at leaders during an Amnesty International concert in Greece. He praised Greece (2) _____ over the past few years. He said: "Thank God for Greece because you have (3) _____. You have shown how to treat refugees when other people are building walls. When children (4) _____ from their mothers and put in cages, you are acting with...generosity (5) _____." He called world leaders "half-men" and "cowards" who (6) _____.

Sting said Greece (7) _____ million refugees in 2015, even though it had (8) _____. Other countries refused to help the refugees. Many built barbed-wire fences to keep them out. Sting (9) _____ family-separation policy in the USA. More than 2,000 children have been separated from parents who (10) _____ the Mexico border into the US illegally. The concert audience cheered when Sting (11) _____ "brutal". Some European countries still won't help refugees. Italy recently turned away a boat of 350 immigrants. Spain (12) _____ in.

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) _____

