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Level 5 – 2nd March, 2019

George Clooney 'saddened' over child labour links

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

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour-5.html>

The Oscar winning actor George Clooney has spoken about allegations of child labour at a coffee company, for which he is brand ambassador. Clooney is on Nespresso's sustainability advisory board. This aims to ensure coffee is sourced from ethical suppliers. He said: "I was surprised and saddened to see this story." An undercover investigation by a UK TV company 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 promised that, "work will be done" to stop any child labour within Nespresso. Clooney spoke about his own childhood, living on a tobacco farm and picking tobacco in 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 has launched a "thorough investigation". It 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 it out."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2020/feb/26/george-clooney-saddened-by-alleged-child-labour-on-nespresso-coffee-farms>
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PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour-5.html>

PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. spoken about allegations | a. investigation |
| 2. Nespresso's sustainability | b. from ethical suppliers |
| 3. sourced | c. beans to Nespresso |
| 4. I was surprised | d. advisory board |
| 5. An undercover | e. on their backs |
| 6. filmed children on six | f. and saddened |
| 7. carrying large sacks of coffee | g. of child labour |
| 8. The farms supply coffee | h. coffee plantations |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Clooney promised that work | a. investigation |
| 2. picking tobacco in his | b. issues |
| 3. I'm uniquely aware of the complex | c. it out |
| 4. Nespresso has launched a thorough | d. we can |
| 5. It has suspended | e. tolerance |
| 6. zero | f. will be done |
| 7. We will continue to do all | g. all purchases |
| 8. stamp | h. school holidays |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ child labour at a coffee company, for which he

(2) _____. Clooney is on Nespresso's sustainability advisory

board. This aims to ensure coffee is (3) _____ suppliers. He

said: "I was surprised and saddened to see this story."

(4) _____ by a UK TV company filmed children on six coffee

plantations in Guatemala picking coffee beans and

(5) _____ of coffee on their backs. The

(6) _____ beans to Nespresso.

Mr Clooney promised that, "work (7) _____" to stop any

child labour within Nespresso. Clooney spoke about

(8) _____, living on a tobacco farm and picking tobacco in

his school holidays. He said: "Having (9) _____ on a

tobacco farm from the time I was 12, I'm (10) _____ the

complex issues regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso has launched

a "thorough investigation". It has (11) _____ from the

plantations. It added: "Nespresso has (12) _____ child

labour. It is unacceptable. We will continue to do all we can to stamp it out."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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CHILD LABOUR SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2003/200302-child-labour-4.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.

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) _____

