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UK criticized for cutting aid to Yemen

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

The United Kingdom is being criticized for cutting the amount of aid it gives to Yemen. The UK's foreign office said it would cut the amount of humanitarian aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. However, just three weeks ago, foreign office minister James Cleverly said Yemen would remain a "UK priority country". He said his government would use all of its efforts to bring peace. Yemen is one of the world's least developed countries. The United Nations reports that Yemen is the country with the most people in need of humanitarian aid. There are about 24 million people in need of help. This is about 85 per cent of its population. It ranks second worst in the Global Hunger Index.

There could be a catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Millions of people are struggling to find food to eat. There is now the threat of a famine that would deepen the crisis. The civil war has left hospitals in ruins. Jan Egeland from the Norwegian Refugee Council said: "We are seeing a relentless countdown to a possible famine that the world hasn't seen since Ethiopia in the 1980s." The United Nations said: "More than 50,000 Yemenis are already starving to death and 16 million will go hungry this year." It added that the UK cut in aid from \$280 million last year to \$120 million this year would be "tragic". The UK's Guardian newspaper said: "Yemenis aren't starving, they are being starved."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/mar/02/weve-cut-aid-to-yemen-and-children-will-starve-is-this-what-global-britain-means>
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1818566/world>
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yemen>

WARM-UPS

1. YEMEN: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Yemen. 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?

United Kingdom / criticized / humanitarian aid / foreign minister / developed / rank / catastrophic / struggling / threat / famine / civil war / countdown / starving / tragic

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

3. RICH COUNTRIES: Students A **strongly** believe all rich countries should give more in aid to poor countries; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. CATASTROPHES: How do these catastrophes affect people? How can we help people affected? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How It Affects People	How To Help
Famine		
War		
Pandemic		
Financial crisis		
Earthquake		
Flood		

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

6. AID: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important form of aid at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Money
- Food
- Blankets
- iPads
- Medicine
- Tents
- Roads
- Consultancy

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. criticized | a. Spoke or wrote about things that are wrong with someone or something. |
| 2. cutting | b. Advanced. |
| 3. aid | c. Make smaller in size or amount. |
| 4. humanitarian | d. The fact or condition of being thought of as more important. |
| 5. priority | e. Help with money or other things. |
| 6. developed | f. Concerned with or doing things to care about and help people. |
| 7. population | g. All the people who live in a town, area, or country. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-----------------|--|
| 8. catastrophic | h. A state where there is no food in a country or area to eat. |
| 9. crisis | i. A statement that you will hurt someone or do something bad to them. |
| 10. struggling | j. Sudden and great damage or suffering. |
| 11. threat | k. Suffering or dying because of no or little food. |
| 12. famine | l. A time of great difficulty, trouble, or danger. |
| 13. starving | m. Great sadness. |
| 14. tragic | n. Make big efforts to get free of something. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

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

- a. The UK has criticized other countries for not giving enough aid. **T / F**
- b. The UK will cut foreign aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. **T / F**
- c. The UK said it would do all it could to help bring peace in Yemen. **T / F**
- d. About 85% of people in Yemen need help. **T / F**
- e. There is a threat of famine in Yemen. **T / F**
- f. A refugee expert said the last serious famine was in the 1970s. **T / F**
- g. The UN said just fewer than 50,000 people are starving in Yemen. **T / F**
- h. A British newspaper said Yemenis are being starved. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. criticized | a. most important |
| 2. cut | b. dying of hunger |
| 3. priority | c. rates |
| 4. efforts | d. disastrous |
| 5. ranks | e. attacked |
| 6. catastrophic | f. possibility |
| 7. threat | g. help |
| 8. relentless | h. reduce |
| 9. aid | i. work |
| 10. starving | j. nonstop |

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

- | | |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. foreign | a. go hungry this year |
| 2. cut the amount of | b. to find food |
| 3. There are about 24 million people in | c. worst |
| 4. This is about 85 per cent | d. office |
| 5. It ranks second | e. countdown |
| 6. Millions of people are struggling | f. need of help |
| 7. There is now the threat | g. starved |
| 8. We are seeing a relentless | h. of a famine |
| 9. 16 million will | i. of its population |
| 10. they are being | j. humanitarian aid |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

The United Kingdom is being criticized for (1) _____ the amount of aid it gives to Yemen. The UK's foreign office said it would cut the amount of humanitarian (2) _____ to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. However, just three weeks ago, foreign office minister James Cleverly said Yemen would (3) _____ a "UK priority country". He said his government would use all of its (4) _____ to bring peace. Yemen is one of the world's (5) _____ developed countries. The United Nations reports that Yemen is the country with the most people in (6) _____ of humanitarian aid. There are about 24 million people in need of (7) _____. This is about 85 per cent of its population. It ranks second (8) _____ in the Global Hunger Index.

help

remain

worst

least

cutting

efforts

need

aid

There could be a (9) _____ humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Millions of people are (10) _____ to find food to eat. There is now the threat of a famine that would (11) _____ the crisis. The civil war has left hospitals in ruins. Jan Egeland from the Norwegian Refugee Council said: "We are seeing a (12) _____ countdown to a possible (13) _____ that the world hasn't seen since Ethiopia in the 1980s." The United Nations said: "More than 50,000 Yemenis are already starving to death and 16 million will go (14) _____ this year." It added that the UK (15) _____ in aid from \$280 million last year to \$120 million this year would be "(16) _____. The UK's Guardian newspaper said: "Yemenis aren't starving, they are being starved."

relentless

tragic

struggling

deepen

cut

catastrophic

hungry

famine

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

- 1) The United Kingdom is being criticized for cutting the _____
 - a. amount off aid
 - b. amount evade
 - c. amount invade
 - d. amount of aid
- 2) foreign office minister James Cleverly said Yemen would remain _____
 - a. a UK prior tea
 - b. a UK pry rarity
 - c. a UK priority
 - d. a UK priorities
- 3) He said his government would use all of its efforts _____
 - a. two bring peace
 - b. to bring peace
 - c. too bring peace
 - d. tube bring peace
- 4) There are about 24 million people _____ help
 - a. in needy of
 - b. in needs of
 - c. in needing of
 - d. in need of
- 5) It ranks second worst in the Global _____
 - a. Hunger Index
 - b. Hungry Index
 - c. Hungers Index
 - d. Hungered Index
- 6) There could be a catastrophic humanitarian _____
 - a. crisis in Yemen
 - b. cry sis in Yemen
 - c. cries is in Yemen
 - d. cries sis in Yemen
- 7) Millions of people are struggling to find _____
 - a. food to wheat
 - b. food to eats
 - c. food to eat
 - d. food two eat
- 8) The civil war has left _____
 - a. hospital sin ruins
 - b. hospitals sin ruins
 - c. hospitals in ruin
 - d. hospitals in ruins
- 9) More than 50,000 Yemenis are already _____
 - a. starve in to death
 - b. starving true death
 - c. starving to death
 - d. star vine to death
- 10) the UK cut in aid from \$280 million last year to \$120 million this year _____
 - a. would being tragedy
 - b. would be tragically
 - c. would been tragic
 - d. would be tragic

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

The United Kingdom (1) _____ for cutting the amount of aid it gives to Yemen. The UK's foreign office said (2) _____ the amount of humanitarian aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. However, just three weeks ago, foreign office minister James Cleverly said Yemen (3) _____ "UK priority country". He said his government would use all of its efforts to bring peace. Yemen is one of the world's (4) _____ countries. The United Nations reports that Yemen is the country with the most people in need of humanitarian aid. There are about 24 million people (5) _____ help. This is about 85 per cent of its population. It ranks (6) _____ the Global Hunger Index.

There could be a catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Millions of people are (7) _____ food to eat. There is now the threat of a famine that would (8) _____. The civil war has left hospitals in ruins. Jan Egeland from the Norwegian Refugee Council said: "We are seeing (9) _____ to a possible famine that the world hasn't seen since Ethiopia in the 1980s." The United Nations said: "More than 50,000 Yemenis are already (10) _____ and 16 million will go hungry this year." It added that the UK (11) _____ from \$280 million last year to \$120 million this year (12) _____. The UK's Guardian newspaper said: "Yemenis aren't starving, they are being starved."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

1. By how much will the UK cut its foreign aid?
2. Who does James Cleverly work for?
3. What kind of country did James Cleverly say Yemen would remain?
4. How many people are in need of help in Yemen?
5. Where does Yemen rank on the Global Hunger Index?
6. What does the article say there is a threat of in Yemen?
7. What does the article say a civil war has left in ruins?
8. When did a refugee say the last serious famine was?
9. How many Yemenis will go hungry this year?
10. Who said Yemenis are being starved?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

- 1) By how much will the UK cut its foreign aid?
 - a) by up to 40%
 - b) more than 50%
 - c) by about a third
 - d) by three-quarters
- 2) Who does James Cleverly work for?
 - a) an aid agency
 - b) the IMF
 - c) a refugee agency
 - d) the foreign office
- 3) What kind of country did James Cleverly say Yemen would remain?
 - a) a priority
 - b) a risk
 - c) one full of potential
 - d) a great country
- 4) How many people are in need of help in Yemen?
 - a) more than 24 million
 - b) exactly 24 million
 - c) about 24 million
 - d) fewer than 24 million
- 5) Where does Yemen rank on the Global Hunger Index?
 - a) first
 - b) second
 - c) third
 - d) fourth
- 6) What does the article say there is a threat of in Yemen?
 - a) social collapse
 - b) more war
 - c) famine
 - d) economic collapse
- 7) What does the article say a civil war has left in ruins?
 - a) roads
 - b) schools
 - c) the army
 - d) hospitals
- 8) When did a refugee say the last serious famine was?
 - a) the 1980s
 - b) the 1970s
 - c) the 1990s
 - d) the 1920s
- 9) How many Yemenis will go hungry this year?
 - a) 16 million
 - b) 18 million
 - c) 17 million
 - d) 15 million
- 10) Who said Yemenis are being starved?
 - a) the UN
 - b) the Guardian newspaper
 - c) the UK government
 - d) a refugee agency

ROLE PLAY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

Role A – Money

You think money is the most important form of aid. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of aid. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): food, medicine or iPads.

Role B – Food

You think food is the most important form of aid. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of aid. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): money, medicine or iPads.

Role C – Medicine

You think medicine is the most important form of aid. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of aid. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): food, money or iPads.

Role D – iPads

You think iPads is the most important form of aid. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their kinds of aid. Also, tell the others which is the least urgent of these (and why): food, medicine or money.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

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

foreign	aid

- 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">• office• weeks• priority• least• need• second	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• crisis• threat• civil• 50,000• 280• starved
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YEMEN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Yemen 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.

YEMEN 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 'Yemen'?
3. What do you think of foreign aid?
4. What aid does your country give to poorer nations?
5. Why do countries need humanitarian aid?
6. What do you know about Yemen?
7. Why is Yemen having so many problems?
8. How can we help the least developed countries?
9. Why do countries still need humanitarian aid in the 21st century?
10. How well developed is your country?

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YEMEN 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 'aid'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What is a catastrophic humanitarian crisis?
15. What can we do to prevent famines?
16. What civil wars do you know about?
17. What do you know about famines around the world?
18. What do you think of the UK for cutting aid to Yemen?
19. Would you be happy if your country sent aid to other countries?
20. What questions would you like to ask the foreign office minister?

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

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The United Kingdom is being (1) _____ for cutting the amount of aid it gives to Yemen. The UK's foreign office said it would (2) _____ the amount of humanitarian aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. However, just three weeks ago, (3) _____ office minister James Cleverly said Yemen would (4) _____ a "UK priority country". He said his government would use all of its efforts to bring peace. Yemen is one of the world's least developed countries. The United Nations reports that Yemen is the country with the most people (5) _____ need of humanitarian aid. There are about 24 million people in need of help. This is about 85 per cent of its population. It (6) _____ second worst in the Global Hunger Index.

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

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) criticized | (b) critics | (c) critic | (d) criticize |
| 2. | (a) snap | (b) scissors | (c) cut | (d) snip |
| 3. | (a) forging | (b) foreigner | (c) foreign | (d) feign |
| 4. | (a) remains | (b) remain | (c) remainder | (d) remain |
| 5. | (a) on | (b) of | (c) in | (d) at |
| 6. | (a) tanks | (b) ranks | (c) thanks | (d) banks |
| 7. | (a) struggles | (b) struggling | (c) struggled | (d) struggle |
| 8. | (a) deeper | (b) deepen | (c) depend | (d) deepening |
| 9. | (a) possibility | (b) possibly | (c) possible | (d) impossible |
| 10. | (a) starve | (b) starves | (c) starvation | (d) starving |
| 11. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) in | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) mean | (b) have | (c) do | (d) be |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. eronfig office minister
2. remain a UK riotpiry country
3. the least elovdedpe countries
4. in need of iaranutiamnh aid
5. 85 per cent of its oauponiltp
6. It ranks second sorwt

Paragraph 2

7. Millions of people are grslggunit
8. the threat of a afneim
9. We are seeing a renestlsle countdown
10. 16 million will go hurgyn this year
11. this year would be crtagi
12. they are being srteavd

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () need of humanitarian aid. There are about 24 million people in need of help. This is about 85 per cent
- () to a possible famine that the world hasn't seen since Ethiopia in the 1980s." The United Nations said: "More than 50,000 Yemenis
- () weeks ago, foreign office minister James Cleverly said Yemen would remain a "UK priority
- () country". He said his government would use all of its efforts to bring peace. Yemen is one of the world's least
- () are already starving to death and 16 million will go hungry this year." It added
- () ruins. Jan Egeland from the Norwegian Refugee Council said: "We are seeing a relentless countdown
- () There could be a catastrophic humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Millions of people are struggling to
- () developed countries. The United Nations reports that Yemen is the country with the most people in
- () office said it would cut the amount of humanitarian aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. However, just three
- () of its population. It ranks second worst in the Global Hunger Index.
- () that the UK cut in aid from \$280 million last year to \$120 million this year would be
- () find food to eat. There is now the threat of a famine that would deepen the crisis. The civil war has left hospitals in
- (**1**) The United Kingdom is being criticized for cutting the amount of aid it gives to Yemen. The UK's foreign
- () "tragic". The UK's Guardian newspaper said: "Yemenis aren't starving, they are being starved."

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

1. for of aid . the Criticized cutting amount
2. to amount humanitarian Yemen . the of Cut aid
3. government efforts . all His would use of its
4. in need most humanitarian aid . people of The
5. people There 24 million about are in need .
6. catastrophic be There a crisis . humanitarian could
7. of the threat now There famine . a is
8. war civil The ruins . in hospitals left has
9. a countdown We seeing to a famine . are
10. being UK starved . A Yemenis said are newspaper

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid.html>

The United Kingdom is being *critics / criticized* for cutting the amount of aid it gives to Yemen. The UK's foreign office said it would cut the amount of *humanitarian / humanity* aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. However, just three weeks ago, foreign office minister James Cleverly said Yemen would *remain / remaining* a "UK *prior / priority* country". He said his government would use all of *that / its* efforts to bring peace. Yemen is one of the world's least / *last* developed countries. The United Nations reports that Yemen is the country with the most people *in / on* need of humanitarian aid. There are about 24 million people *in / to* need of help. This is about 85 per cent *at / of* its population. It *rankings / ranks* second worst in the Global Hunger Index.

There could be a *catastrophe / catastrophic* humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Millions of people are *struggling / struggle* to find food to eat. There is now the *treat / threat* of a famine that would *deep / deepen* the crisis. The civil war has left hospitals *on / in* ruins. Jan Egeland from the Norwegian Refugee Council said: "We are *seen / seeing* a relentless countdown to a possible famine that the world hasn't seen since Ethiopia *in / on* the 1980s." The United Nations said: "More than 50,000 Yemenis are *already / ready* starving to death and 16 million will *go / come* hungry this year." It added that the UK cut in aid from \$280 million last year to \$120 million this year would be "tragic". The UK's Guardian newspaper said: "Yemenis aren't starving, they are being *starvation / starved*."

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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Th_ _n_t_d K_ngd_m _s b__ng cr_t_c_z_d f_r c_tt_ng th_ _m__nt _f __d _t g_v_s t_ Y_m_n. Th_ _K's f_r__gn _ff_c_ s__d _t w__ld c_t th_ _m__nt _f h_m_n_t_r__n __d t_ Y_m_n by m_r_ th_n 50 p_r c_nt. H_w_v_r, j_st thr__ w__ks _g_, f_r__gn _ff_c_ m_n_st_r J_m_s Cl_v_rly s__d Y_m_n w__ld r_m__n _ "K pr__r_ty c__ntry". H_ s__d h_s g_v_rnm_nt w__ld _s_ _ll _f _ts _ff_rts t_ br_ng p__c_. Y_m_n _s _n_ _f th_ w_rld's th_ l__st d_v_l_p_d c__ntr__s. Th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns r_p_rts th_t Y_m_n _s th_ c__ntry w_th th_ m_st p__pl_ _n n__d _f h_m_n_t_r__n __d. Th_r_ _r_ _b__t 24 m_ll__n p__pl_ _n n__d _f h_l_p. Th_s _s _b__t 85 p_r c_nt _f _ts p_p_l_t__n. _t r_nks s_c_nd w_rst _n th_ Gl_b_l H_ng_r _nd_x.

Th_r_ c__ld b_ _ c_t_str_ph_c h_m_n_t_r__n cr_s_s _n Y_m_n. M_ll__ns _f p__pl_ _r_ str_ggl_ng t_ f_nd f__d t_ __t. Th_r_ _s n_w th_ thr__t _f _ f_m_n_ th_t w__ld d__p_n th_ cr_s_s. Th_ c_v_l w_r h_s l_ft h_sp_t_ls _n r__ns. J_n _g_l_nd fr_m th_ N_rw_g__n R_f_g__ C__nc_l s__d: "W_ _r_ s__ng _ r_lntl_ss c__ntd_wn t_ _ p_ss_bl_ f_m_n_ th_t th_ w_rld h_sn't s__n s_nc_ _th__p__ _n th_ 1980s." Th_ _n_t_d N_t__ns s__d: "M_r_ th_n 50,000 Y_m_n_s _r_ _lr__dy st_rv_ng t_ d__th _nd 16 m_ll__n w_ll g_ h_ngr_y th_s y__r." _t _dd_d th_t th_ _K c_t _n __d fr_m \$280 m_ll__n l_st y__r t_ \$120 m_ll__n th_s y__r w__ld b_ "tr_g_c". Th_ _K's G__rd__n n_wsp_p_r s__d: "Y_m_n_s _r_n't st_rv_ng, th_y _r_ b__ng st_rv_d."

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. YEMEN: Make a poster about Yemen. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. AID: Write a magazine article about the world doubling the aid it gives to Yemen. 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 Yemen. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your ideas on how to bring peace to the country. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. a 2. c 3. e 4. f 5. d 6. b 7. g
8. j 9. l 10. n 11. i 12. h 13. k 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

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

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

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

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. More than 50%
2. The foreign office
3. A priority
4. About 24 million
5. Second
6. Famine
7. Hospitals
8. The 1980s
9. Sixteen million
10. The Guardian newspaper

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

1. Criticized for cutting the amount of aid.
2. Cut the amount of humanitarian aid to Yemen.
3. His government would use all of its efforts.
4. The most people in need of humanitarian aid.
5. There are about 24 million people in need.
6. There could be a catastrophic humanitarian crisis.
7. There is now the threat of a famine.
8. The civil war has left hospitals in ruins.
9. We are seeing a countdown to a famine.
10. A UK newspaper said Yemenis are being starved.

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 ;-)