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**Level 5 – 11th April, 2022**

**UK's help for Ukraine refugees called 'a disgrace'**

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# THE READING

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A popular British radio host, Nick Ferrari, has attacked his government's response to the Ukrainian refugee crisis. Mr Ferrari called the situation "a disgrace". The UK has two visa schemes to help refugees. The government said it had received 79,800 visa applications from Ukrainians and had issued 40,900 visas. However, only 12,000 refugees had arrived in Britain. Poland has taken in nearly 3 million and Germany 300,000. Ireland, with a population one-twelfth of that of Britain's, has welcomed over 20,000 refugees. The UK's Home Secretary apologised for this "frustrating" situation.

Nick Ferrari did not hold back in his criticism. He called on the government to be fired. He said: "It's an absolute scandal....This is beyond comprehension. How can this level of incompetence survive?" Mr Ferrari was irked by the visa form. Ukrainians wanting refuge in the UK have to fill out a 51-page online application form in English. He also criticised the mountain of red tape. Over 200,000 Britons have applied to accept a refugee into their home. Bureaucracy means applications are rejected if a home has a garden pond. Many say the UK's schemes are set up to fail.

Sources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/radio/presenters/nick-ferrari/passionate-rant-homes-ukraine-scheme/>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Mr Ferrari called the situation | a. that of Britain's   |
| 2. The UK has two visa             | b. in nearly 3 million |
| 3. it had received 79,800          | c. that of Britain's   |
| 4. only 12,000 refugees had        | d. visa applications   |
| 5. Poland has taken                | e. situation           |
| 6. a population one-twelfth of     | f. arrived in Britain  |
| 7. a population one-twelfth        | g. "a disgrace"        |
| 8. apologised for this frustrating | h. schemes             |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Ferrari did not hold back      | a. application form |
| 2. He called on the government to | b. scandal          |
| 3. It's an absolute               | c. survive          |
| 4. This is beyond                 | d. red tape         |
| 5. this level of incompetence     | e. in his criticism |
| 6. fill out a 51-page online      | f. comprehension    |
| 7. the mountain of                | g. are rejected     |
| 8. Bureaucracy means applications | h. be fired         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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A popular British radio host, Nick Ferrari, has attacked his government's (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukrainian refugee crisis. Mr Ferrari called the (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The UK has two visa schemes to help refugees. The government said it had received 79,800 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Ukrainians and had issued 40,900 visas. However, only 12,000 refugees had arrived in Britain. Poland has (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 3 million and Germany 300,000. Ireland, with a population (5) \_\_\_\_\_ that of Britain's, has welcomed over 20,000 refugees. The UK's Home Secretary apologised for (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

Nick Ferrari did not hold back (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He called on the government to be fired. He said: "It's an absolute scandal.... (8) \_\_\_\_\_ comprehension. How can this level of incompetence survive?" Mr Ferrari (9) \_\_\_\_\_ the visa form. Ukrainians wanting refuge in the UK have to fill out a 51-page online (10) \_\_\_\_\_ English. He also criticised the mountain (11) \_\_\_\_\_. Over 200,000 Britons have applied to accept a refugee into their home. Bureaucracy means applications (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a home has a garden pond. Many say the UK's schemes are set up to fail.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# REFUGEES SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220411-uk-refugee-response-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) \_\_\_\_\_

# WRITING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220411-uk-refugee-response-5.html>

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

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