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**Level 2 – 22nd June 2023**

## **Multinational companies to hire 250,000 refugees**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230622-multinational-companies-2.html>

Refugees are increasing around the world. People are fleeing wars; others feel unsafe in their homeland. They all want a new life in a safe country. Multinational companies will give jobs to 250,000 refugees. Companies like Adidas, Amazon, Pepsi and Starbucks made this offer on World Refugee Day. More than 40 corporations will help refugees in the next three years. Kelly Clements, the U.N. Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, was happy about this news. She said the promises that businesses are making "are absolutely essential".

There are more than 110 million refugees worldwide. Around 12 million of these are from Ukraine. More than 6.8 million fled Syria and 5.7 million left Afghanistan. Ms Kelly said: "Every number is a story of an individual family who left everything, seeking safety...and wanting to be able to rebuild." Amazon said hiring refugees would benefit the company. It said refugees would add diversity to its workforce and would make the company stronger. Amazon added that: "Diversity brings innovation, creativity and different [points of view]."

Sources: <https://apnews.com/article/russia-ukraine-war-refugees-hiring-b788fcf75597e8a5f1f0a846e0b58c37>  
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<https://www.unhcr.org/refugee-statistics/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2306/230622-multinational-companies-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Refugees are increasing      | a. help refugees     |
| 2. People are fleeing           | b. in a safe country |
| 3. others feel unsafe in their  | c. essential         |
| 4. They all want a new life     | d. wars              |
| 5. give jobs to 250,000         | e. are making        |
| 6. 40 corporations will         | f. around the world  |
| 7. the promises that businesses | g. refugees          |
| 8. absolutely                   | h. homeland          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                    |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There are more than 110 million | a. benefit the company |
| 2. More than 6.8 million fled      | b. of an individual    |
| 3. Every number is a story         | c. of view             |
| 4. seeking                         | d. to its workforce    |
| 5. hiring refugees would           | e. safety              |
| 6. refugees would add diversity    | f. refugees worldwide  |
| 7. Diversity brings                | g. Syria               |
| 8. different points                | h. innovation          |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# REFUGEES SURVEY

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

