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## **Level 5**

# **Germany and Austria welcome refugees**

**8th September, 2015**

<http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150908-refugees-5.html>

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150908-refugees-5.html>

Germany and Austria have welcomed thousands of refugees. Crowds of local people applauded the new arrivals and gave them water, food and clothes. German and Austrian children carried baskets of sweets to give to children from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries. For the refugees, it was the end of a long journey that started in their troubled home countries and ended with a long walk through Hungary. Germany's rail company said it would be adding extra carriages to its trains and was "doing everything it can" to help the refugees.

The United Nations has praised Austria and Germany for helping the refugees. It said: "This is political leadership based on humanitarian values." Germany's leader said her country would welcome all refugees from Syria. She told reporters that, "as a strong, economically healthy country, we have the strength to do what is necessary." Germany thinks around 800,000 Syrians will arrive this year. One refugee said: "I'm very glad to be in Germany. I hope that I find a much better life here. I want to work." He was worried about his family and young children still in Syria.

Sources: <http://www.dw.com/en/thousands-of-refugees-arrive-in-austria-and-germany-after-overnight-trek/a-18695742>  
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<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34164645>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1509/150908-refugees-5.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                      |                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Germany and Austria have welcomed | a. of sweets             |
| 2. Crowds of local                   | b. it can                |
| 3. children carried baskets          | c. to its trains         |
| 4. give to                           | d. thousands of refugees |
| 5. the end of a long                 | e. company               |
| 6. Germany's rail                    | f. children from Syria   |
| 7. adding extra carriages            | g. people                |
| 8. doing everything                  | h. journey               |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The United Nations has praised | a. do what is necessary |
| 2. political                      | b. refugees from Syria  |
| 3. based on humanitarian          | c. leadership           |
| 4. welcome all                    | d. and young children   |
| 5. a strong, economically         | e. Austria and Germany  |
| 6. we have the strength to        | f. healthy country      |
| 7. I'm very glad                  | g. values               |
| 8. his family                     | h. to be in Germany     |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Germany and Austria (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of refugees. Crowds of local people applauded the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ them water, food and clothes. German and Austrian children (3) \_\_\_\_\_ sweets to give to children from Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan and other countries. For the refugees, (4) \_\_\_\_\_ a long journey that started in their troubled home countries and ended with a long walk through Hungary. Germany's rail company said (5) \_\_\_\_\_ extra carriages to its trains and was "doing everything (6) \_\_\_\_\_ refugees.

The United Nations has praised Austria and Germany for helping the refugees. It said: "This (7) \_\_\_\_\_ based on humanitarian values." Germany's leader said her country (8) \_\_\_\_\_ refugees from Syria. She told reporters (9) \_\_\_\_\_, economically healthy country, we have (10) \_\_\_\_\_ what is necessary." Germany thinks around 800,000 Syrians will arrive this year. One refugee said: "(11) \_\_\_\_\_ in Germany. I hope that I find a much better life here. I want to work." He was worried about his family (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in Syria.

# 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<br>_____ | STUDENT 2<br>_____ | STUDENT 3<br>_____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

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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) \_\_\_\_\_
- g) \_\_\_\_\_
- h) \_\_\_\_\_

