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Level 4 – 2nd March, 2020

George Clooney 'saddened' over child labour links

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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

The actor George Clooney has spoken about his surprise and sadness about possible child labour at the Nespresso coffee company. Clooney is on Nespresso's sustainability advisory board. This ensures coffee is sourced from ethical farms. An undercover investigation by a TV company filmed children on six coffee plantations in Guatemala picking coffee beans and carrying 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. He spoke about growing up on a tobacco farm and picking tobacco in his school holidays from the age of 12. He said: "I'm uniquely aware of the complex issues regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso has launched a "thorough investigation". It said it has "zero tolerance" of child labour. It added: "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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--|-------------------|
| 1. spoken about his surprise | a. on their backs |
| 2. Nespresso's sustainability advisory | b. investigation |
| 3. sourced from | c. coffee beans |
| 4. An undercover | d. board |
| 5. filmed children on six coffee | e. beans |
| 6. picking coffee | f. ethical farms |
| 7. carrying sacks of coffee | g. plantations |
| 8. The farms supply | h. and sadness |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

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

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The actor George Clooney has spoken about his (1) _____ about possible child labour at the Nespresso coffee company. Clooney is on Nespresso's (2) _____. This ensures coffee is sourced from ethical farms. An undercover (3) _____ TV company filmed children on six (4) _____ Guatemala picking coffee beans and (5) _____ coffee on their backs. The farms (6) _____ to Nespresso.

Mr Clooney promised that, "work (7) _____" to stop any child labour within Nespresso. He (8) _____ up on a tobacco farm and picking tobacco in his school holidays (9) _____ of 12. He said: "I'm uniquely aware of (10) _____ regarding farming and child labour." Nespresso (11) _____ "thorough investigation". It said it (12) _____ of child labour. It added: "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

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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) _____

WRITING

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

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