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**Level 4 – 11th April, 2022**

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

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220411-uk-refugee-response-4.html>

A popular British radio host has attacked his government's response to the refugee crisis. He called it "a disgrace". The UK has two visa schemes for refugees. It has received 79,800 visa applications from Ukrainians and has issued 40,900 visas. However, only 12,000 refugees have arrived. Poland has taken in nearly 3 million refugees, Germany 300,000, and Ireland over 20,000. The UK apologised for this "frustrating" situation.

The radio host 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?" The host was angry about the 51-page online visa form that Ukrainians have to fill out. He also criticised the mountain of red tape. Over 200,000 Britons applied to accept a refugee into their home. Applications are rejected if a home has a garden pond.

Sources: <https://www.lbc.co.uk/radio/presenters/nick-ferrari/passionate-rant-homes-ukraine-scheme/>  
<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10701511/DAILY-MAIL-COMMENT-Stop-ticking-boxes-Ukrainian-refugees-sanctuary.html>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2022/apr/08/ukraine-refugees-uk-12000-arrived-visa-schemes>

# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                            |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A popular British radio    | a. have arrived            |
| 2. his government's response  | b. schemes                 |
| 3. He called it a             | c. "frustrating" situation |
| 4. The UK has two visa        | d. to the refugee crisis   |
| 5. It has received 79,800     | e. disgrace                |
| 6. only 12,000 refugees       | f. 3 million refugees      |
| 7. Poland has taken in nearly | g. host                    |
| 8. The UK apologised for this | h. visa applications       |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                |                     |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. The radio host did not hold | a. of incompetence  |
| 2. He called on the government | b. scandal          |
| 3. It's an absolute            | c. tape             |
| 4. This is beyond              | d. pond             |
| 5. this level                  | e. comprehension    |
| 6. the 51-page                 | f. back             |
| 7. the mountain of red         | g. online visa form |
| 8. if a home has a garden      | h. to be fired      |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2204/220411-uk-refugee-response-4.html>

A popular British radio (1) \_\_\_\_\_ his government's response to the refugee crisis. He called (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The UK has two visa (3) \_\_\_\_\_. It has received 79,800 visa applications from Ukrainians (4) \_\_\_\_\_ 40,900 visas. However, only 12,000 refugees have arrived. Poland (5) \_\_\_\_\_ nearly 3 million refugees, Germany 300,000, and Ireland over 20,000. The UK apologised for (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The radio host did not hold back (7) \_\_\_\_\_. He called on the government to be fired. He said: "It's (8) \_\_\_\_\_....This is beyond comprehension. How can this level of incompetence survive?" The (9) \_\_\_\_\_ about the 51-page online visa form that Ukrainians have (10) \_\_\_\_\_. He also criticised the mountain of red tape. Over 200,000 Britons (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a refugee into their home. Applications (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a home has a garden pond.

# 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-4.html>

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

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