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## **Level 0**

# **1 million Syrian child refugees**

**24th August, 2013**

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**Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130824-refugees-0.html>

There are one million child refugees in Syria. They left because it is too dangerous. They went to other countries. The UN said the children are not numbers. Two million children in Syria have no home. We cannot understand their sad life. 740,000 child refugees are under eleven. The United Nations says this is very bad.

Syria's civil war started in 2011. It is the biggest refugee emergency since 1994. Syria's children are losing their home, family and future. They are shocked and sad. They have no hope. They are not safe in other countries. Many work in the sex trade. The UN said most of them cannot go to school.

Sources: <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-23803308>  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/middle-east/1m-children-displaced-from-syria-says-united-nations-8781424.html>

# VOCABULARY MATCHING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130824-refugees-0.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                  |                        |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. There are one million child   | a. have no home        |
| 2. They left because             | b. under eleven        |
| 3. They went to                  | c. it is too dangerous |
| 4. The UN said the children      | d. sad life            |
| 5. Two million children in Syria | e. this is very bad    |
| 6. We cannot understand their    | f. refugees in Syria   |
| 7. 740,000 child refugees are    | g. are not numbers     |
| 8. The United Nations says       | h. other countries     |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Syria's civil war             | a. and sad         |
| 2. the biggest refugee emergency | b. hope            |
| 3. Syria's children are losing   | c. go to school    |
| 4. They are shocked              | d. their home      |
| 5. They have no                  | e. started in 2011 |
| 6. They are not safe in          | f. since 1994      |
| 7. Many work in the              | g. other countries |
| 8. most of them cannot           | h. sex trade       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) \_\_\_\_\_ million child refugees in Syria. They left because it (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They went to other countries. The UN said the children (3) \_\_\_\_\_. Two million children in Syria (4) \_\_\_\_\_. We cannot understand (5) \_\_\_\_\_. 740,000 child refugees (6) \_\_\_\_\_. The United Nations says this is very bad.

Syria's civil (7) \_\_\_\_\_ 2011. It is the biggest refugee (8) \_\_\_\_\_ 1994. Syria's children are losing their home, (9) \_\_\_\_\_. They are shocked and sad. They (10) \_\_\_\_\_. They are not safe in other countries. Many (11) \_\_\_\_\_ sex trade. The UN said most of them (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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## 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 <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1308/130824-refugees-0.html>

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

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