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## **Level 2**

# **1 million Syrian child refugees**

**24th August, 2013**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130824-refugees-2.html>

There are now over one million child refugees from Syria's war. The United Nations called this "a shameful milestone". The children had to leave Syria because it is too dangerous for them to stay. Most of them are in Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon. Some are escaping to Europe and North Africa. The UN said: "This one millionth child refugee is not just another number. This is a real child ripped from home...facing horrors we can only begin to comprehend." Another 2 million children in Syria have no home. Half of Syria's 2 million refugees are children. Over 740,000 of these are under eleven.

Syria's civil war started in 2011. The UN says it is the worst refugee crisis since the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Its spokesperson for refugees told reporters that Syria's youth are losing their homes, family members and futures. He said: "Even after they have crossed a border to safety, they are traumatised, depressed and in need of a reason for hope." The children face many dangers. Many are now used for child labour. Others are sold for early marriages or for the sex trade. Very few of the children go to school. The UN said just 118,000 of the children are in education.

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>

# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130824-refugees-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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| 1. The United Nations called this          | a. in Syria have no home  |
| 2. The children had to leave Syria because | b. escaping to Europe     |
| 3. Some are                                | c. refugees are children  |
| 4. This one millionth child refugee is not | d. "a shameful milestone" |
| 5. facing horrors we can only              | e. are under eleven       |
| 6. Another 2 million children              | f. it is too dangerous    |
| 7. Half of Syria's 2 million               | g. begin to comprehend    |
| 8. Over 740,000 of these                   | h. just another number    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

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| 1. Syria's civil                       | a. for refugees            |
| 2. the worst refugee crisis            | b. are in education        |
| 3. Its spokesperson                    | c. face many dangers       |
| 4. Syria's youth are                   | d. since the 1994 genocide |
| 5. crossed a border                    | e. losing their homes      |
| 6. The children                        | f. war started in 2011     |
| 7. Others are sold for early marriages | g. to safety               |
| 8. just 118,000 of the children        | h. or for the sex trade    |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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There are now over one million (1) \_\_\_\_\_ Syria's war. The United Nations called this "a (2) \_\_\_\_\_". The children had to leave Syria because it is too dangerous for them to stay. (3) \_\_\_\_\_ Jordan, Turkey and Lebanon. Some are escaping to Europe and North Africa. The UN said: "This one millionth child refugee (4) \_\_\_\_\_ number. This is a real child ripped from home...(5) \_\_\_\_\_ can only begin to comprehend." Another 2 million children in Syria have no home. Half of Syria's 2 million refugees are children. Over 740,000 (6) \_\_\_\_\_ eleven.

Syria's civil war started in 2011. The UN (7) \_\_\_\_\_ refugee crisis since the 1994 genocide in Rwanda. Its spokesperson for refugees (8) \_\_\_\_\_ Syria's youth are losing their homes, family members and futures. He said: "Even after they have crossed (9) \_\_\_\_\_, they are traumatised, depressed and in need (10) \_\_\_\_\_." The children face many dangers. Many (11) \_\_\_\_\_ child labour. Others are sold for early marriages or for the sex trade. Very few of the children go to school. The UN (12) \_\_\_\_\_ of the children are in education.

# 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)

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b)

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c)

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d)

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f)

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g)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

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# WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1308/130824-refugees-2.html>

Write about **refugees** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner's paper.

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