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THE READING

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Europe wants to change its system for refugees. Europeans are shocked by the Lampedusa tragedy. Over 250 Africans drowned after their boat sank near the beach. Almost 20,000 refugees have died in the Mediterranean. After every accident, European leaders ask for change, then the talking stops and nothing happens. No one knows if the Lampedusa disaster will be different. One idea is more money for rescue operations for the area from Spain to Cyprus.

The answer to this problem is difficult. Europe could open its borders to everyone, but this would be very unpopular in Europe. Europeans already want to make their borders stronger to stop people coming in. An Italian minister said his country is in the middle of the Mediterranean and has saved thousands of lives. He wants help from Europe. He said the Mediterranean is the Africa-Europe border, not the Africa-Italy border.

Sources: <http://www.dw.de/eu-ministers-look-for-solutions-to-the-refugee-crisis/a-17145833>
<http://euobserver.com/justice/121712>

VOCABULARY MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Europeans are shocked by | a. refugees have died |
| 2. Over 250 Africans drowned | b. will be different |
| 3. Almost 20,000 | c. the Lampedusa tragedy |
| 4. European leaders | d. from Spain to Cyprus |
| 5. then the talking stops | e. operations |
| 6. the Lampedusa disaster | f. after their boat sank |
| 7. rescue | g. ask for change |
| 8. the area | h. and nothing happens |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. The answer to this | a. coming in |
| 2. open its borders | b. unpopular in Europe |
| 3. this would be very | c. Italy border |
| 4. make their borders | d. to everyone |
| 5. stop people | e. from Europe |
| 6. saved thousands | f. problem is difficult |
| 7. He wants help | g. stronger |
| 8. the Africa- | h. of lives |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Europe wants to (1) _____ for refugees. Europeans (2) _____ the Lampedusa tragedy. Over 250 Africans drowned after (3) _____ near the beach. Almost 20,000 (4) _____ in the Mediterranean. After every accident, European leaders ask for change, then the talking stops (5) _____. No one knows if the Lampedusa disaster will be different. One idea is more money for (6) _____ for the area from Spain to Cyprus.

The answer to this (7) _____. Europe could open its borders to everyone, but (8) _____ very unpopular in Europe. Europeans already want to make their borders stronger (9) _____ coming in. An Italian minister said his country (10) _____ of the Mediterranean and has (11) _____ lives. He wants help from Europe. He said the Mediterranean is the Africa-Europe border, (12) _____-Italy border.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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hetalkingstopsandnothinghappens.NooneknowsiftheLampedusa
disasterwillbedifferent.Oneideaismoremoneyforrescueoperations
fortheareafromSpaintoCyprus.Theanswertothisproblemisdifficult
.Europecouldopenitsborderstoeveryone,butthiswouldbeveryunpo
pularinEurope.Europeansalreadywanttomaketheirbordersstrong
ertostoppeoplecomingin.AnItalianministersaidhiscountryisinthe
middleoftheMediterraneanandhassavedthousandsoflives.Hewant
shelpfromEurope.HesaidtheMediterraneanistheAfrica-Europebor
der,nottheAfrica-Italyborder.

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)
