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## Level 2

### EU wants change after Lampedusa deaths

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# THE READING

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Europe wants to change the system for refugees coming to Europe. They are shocked by the Lampedusa tragedy. More than 250 Africans drowned after their boat sank. They were not far from the beach. Almost 20,000 asylum seekers died in the Mediterranean Sea in the past ten years. After a boat sinks, European politicians ask for change, but after a little time, the talking stops and nothing happens. No one knows if the Lampedusa disaster will lead to action from Europe. One idea is more money for search and rescue operations that will cover the area from Spain to Cyprus.

The answer to this problem is very difficult. The perfect solution is for Europe to open its borders to anyone. However, no country does this. It would be very unpopular in Europe. Many Europeans already want to make their borders stronger to reduce the number of people coming in. The Italian interior minister said: "[Italy is] in the middle of the Mediterranean and we have saved thousands...of lives. We now ask for some help from Europe." He added that the Mediterranean is the Africa-Europe border, not the Africa-Italy border. He called for Europe to share the responsibility.

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

# MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                                     |                             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. change the system for refugees   | a. to action from Europe    |
| 2. They are shocked                 | b. and nothing happens      |
| 3. 250 Africans drowned             | c. rescue operations        |
| 4. not far                          | d. by the Lampedusa tragedy |
| 5. in the past                      | e. from the beach           |
| 6. the talking stops                | f. coming to Europe         |
| 7. the Lampedusa disaster will lead | g. ten years                |
| 8. search and                       | h. after their boat sank    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                     |                           |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The perfect                      | a. their borders stronger |
| 2. It would be very                 | b. of lives               |
| 3. Europeans already want to make   | c. of the Mediterranean   |
| 4. reduce the number of             | d. the responsibility     |
| 5. Italy is in the middle           | e. solution               |
| 6. we have saved thousands          | f. Europe border          |
| 7. the Mediterranean is the Africa- | g. unpopular in Europe    |
| 8. He called for Europe to share    | h. people coming in       |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Europe wants to (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for refugees coming to Europe. They are shocked by the Lampedusa tragedy. More than 250 Africans (2) \_\_\_\_\_ boat sank. They were not far from the beach. Almost (3) \_\_\_\_\_ died in the Mediterranean Sea in the past ten years. After a boat sinks, European politicians (4) \_\_\_\_\_, but after a little time, the talking stops and nothing happens. No one knows if the Lampedusa disaster (5) \_\_\_\_\_ from Europe. One idea is more money for search (6) \_\_\_\_\_ that will cover the area from Spain to Cyprus.

The (7) \_\_\_\_\_ is very difficult. The perfect solution is for Europe to open its borders to anyone. However, no country does this. It would (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in Europe. Many Europeans already want to make (9) \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce the number of people coming in. The Italian interior minister said: "[Italy is] (10) \_\_\_\_\_ Mediterranean and we have (11) \_\_\_\_\_ lives. We now ask for some help from Europe." He added that the Mediterranean is the Africa-Europe border, not the Africa-Italy border. He called (12) \_\_\_\_\_ the responsibility.

# 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) \_\_\_\_\_
- 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) \_\_\_\_\_

## WRITING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1310/131011-european-borders-2.html>

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

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