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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	
2	They are shocked	b.
3.	250 Africans drowned	c.
4.	not far	d.
5.	in the past	e.
6.	the talking stops	f.
7.	the Lampedusa disaster will lead	g.
8.	search and	h.

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

- to action from Europe
- b. and nothing happens
- c. rescue operations
- d. by the Lampedusa tragedy
- e. from the beach
- f. coming to Europe
- g. ten years
- h. after their boat sank

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

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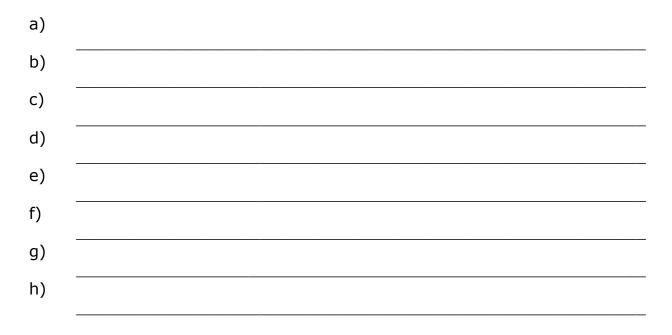
WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

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WRITING

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