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## **Level 6**

### **U.N. calls for help for Yarmouk**

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# THE ARTICLE

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

The United Nations has made a plea for humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in the suburbs of Damascus. The UN is concerned about the plight of around 18,000 Palestinian refugees holed up in the camp. Many of Yarmouk's residents fled after the group ISIS invaded last Wednesday and overran the camp. Jordan's Ambassador to the UN Dina Kwarar called "for the protection of civilians in the camp" and for "humanitarian access to the area including...life-saving assistance". Another UN spokesperson Pierre Krahenbuhl described the situation as "more desperate than ever". He said: "What civilians in Yarmouk are most concerned about right now is bare survival".

Yarmouk was established in 1957 to accommodate the huge influx of Palestinian refugees from Israel. It became home to the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria. Before the recent ISIS incursion, around 160,000 people lived there. Life in the camp had already become intolerable for most residents following 18 months of bombing and a siege because of Syria's civil war. Many parts of the camp now resemble a ghost town, with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a civilian population that has fled. News agencies report that ISIS now controls about 90 per cent of the camp. Syrian authorities are worried ISIS could use it as a springboard to launch attacks on the capital Damascus.

Sources: <http://www.arabnews.com/middle-east/news/729421>  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarmouk\\_Camp](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yarmouk_Camp)  
<http://www.dw.de/syria-offers-military-help-to-palestinians-in-yarmouk-camp/a-18366294>

# WARM-UPS

**1. REFUGEES:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about refugees. Change partners often and share your findings.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

*humanitarian / besieged / refugee / ambassador / civilians / assistance / survival / established / community / intolerable / siege / residents / ghost town / authorities*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. YARMOUK:** How can these people / groups help? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Help	Effectiveness
Syrian government		
United Nations		
Barack Obama		
Arab League		
Palestinian Authority		
Iraqi government		

**4. SYRIA:** Students A **strongly** believe peace and security will come to Syria in the next five years; Students B **strongly** believe otherwise. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. ASSISTANCE:** Rank these with your partner. Put the most important aid items at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- water
- tents
- blankets
- food
- torches
- medicine
- clothes
- Internet

**6. CIVILIANS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "civilians". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. The UN is worried about 180,000 residents of Yarmouk.             | T / F |
| b. ISIS invaded the camp last Saturday.                              | T / F |
| c. The article quotes Jordan's Ambassador to Syria.                  | T / F |
| d. A UN spokesperson said civilians are most worried about survival. | T / F |
| e. Yarmouk was set up in 1957.                                       | T / F |
| f. Yarmouk was the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria.   | T / F |
| g. The article says there are many ghosts in the town.               | T / F |
| h. Syria is worried ISIS might attack Damascus from Yarmouk.         | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |                |               |
|----------------|---------------|
| 1. plea        | a. population |
| 2. suburbs     | b. worried    |
| 3. fled        | c. outskirts  |
| 4. assistance  | d. set up     |
| 5. concerned   | e. appeal     |
| 6. established | f. look like  |
| 7. community   | g. attack     |
| 8. incursion   | h. ran away   |
| 9. resemble    | i. start      |
| 10. launch     | j. aid        |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. in the suburbs               | a. incursion          |
| 2. Many of Yarmouk's residents  | b. than ever          |
| 3. life-saving                  | c. town               |
| 4. more desperate               | d. of Damascus        |
| 5. bare                         | e. become intolerable |
| 6. Before the recent ISIS       | f. assistance         |
| 7. Life in the camp had already | g. capital Damascus   |
| 8. 18 months of bombing         | h. survival           |
| 9. resemble a ghost             | i. and a siege        |
| 10. launch attacks on the       | j. fled               |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

The United Nations has made a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in the (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of Damascus. The UN is concerned about the (3) \_\_\_\_\_ of around 18,000 Palestinian refugees holed up in the camp. Many of Yarmouk's residents fled after the group ISIS invaded last Wednesday and (4) \_\_\_\_\_ the camp. Jordan's Ambassador to the UN Dina Kavar called "for the protection of (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in the camp" and for "humanitarian (6) \_\_\_\_\_ to the area including...life-saving assistance". Another UN spokesperson Pierre Krahenbuhl described the situation as "more (7) \_\_\_\_\_ than ever". He said: "What civilians in Yarmouk are most concerned about right now is bare (8) \_\_\_\_\_".

*plight*  
*civilians*  
*plea*  
*survival*  
*suburbs*  
*desperate*  
*access*  
*overran*

Yarmouk was established in 1957 to accommodate the huge (9) \_\_\_\_\_ of Palestinian refugees from Israel. It became home to the largest Palestinian refugee (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in Syria. Before the recent ISIS (11) \_\_\_\_\_, around 160,000 people lived there. Life in the camp had already become (12) \_\_\_\_\_ for most residents following 18 months of bombing and a (13) \_\_\_\_\_ because of Syria's civil war. Many parts of the camp now (14) \_\_\_\_\_ a ghost town, with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a civilian population that has (15) \_\_\_\_\_. News agencies report that ISIS now controls about 90 per cent of the camp. Syrian authorities are worried ISIS could use it as a springboard to launch attacks on the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ Damascus.

*incursion*  
*resemble*  
*influx*  
*capital*  
*siege*  
*community*  
*fled*  
*intolerable*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

- 1) The U.N. wants humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk refugee \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. camps in Damascus
  - b. clamp in Damascus
  - c. clamps in Damascus
  - d. camp in Damascus
- 2) It is worried about the 18,000 Palestinian refugees \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. in a camp
  - b. in the camp
  - c. in this camp
  - d. in that camp
- 3) Jordan's Ambassador to the UN called "for the protection of civilians" and for " \_\_\_\_\_ "
  - a. life-saver assistance
  - b. life-save in assistance
  - c. life-serving assistance
  - d. life-saving assistance
- 4) Another UN spokesperson said the situation \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. was "desperate"
  - b. was "disparate"
  - c. was "desk rate"
  - d. was "test rate"
- 5) He said people were most concerned \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. about "bear survival"
  - b. about "bare survival"
  - c. about "bar survival"
  - d. about "pear survival"
- 6) It became the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria. About 160,000 \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. people lived here
  - b. people lived they're
  - c. people lived there
  - d. people lived their
- 7) bombing and a siege during Syria's civil war already made \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. life there impossible
  - b. live there impossible
  - c. lives there impossible
  - d. lift there impossible
- 8) It now looks like a ghost town, with bombed-\_\_\_\_\_
  - a. out buildings everywhere
  - b. out building everywhere
  - c. out build in everywhere
  - d. out buildings in everywhere
- 9) ISIS now controls about 90 per cent \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. of a camp
  - b. of that camp
  - c. of this camp
  - d. of the camp
- 10) Syria is worried ISIS will use Yarmouk as a base \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. to attacks Damascus
  - b. to attacked Damascus
  - c. to attacking Damascus
  - d. to attack Damascus

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

The United Nations has (1) \_\_\_\_\_ humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp (2) \_\_\_\_\_ Damascus. The UN is concerned about the plight of around 18,000 Palestinian refugees (3) \_\_\_\_\_ camp. Many of Yarmouk's residents fled after the group ISIS invaded last Wednesday and overran the camp. Jordan's Ambassador to the UN Dina Kavar called "for the protection of civilians in the camp" and for "humanitarian (4) \_\_\_\_\_ including...life-saving assistance". Another UN spokesperson Pierre Krahenbuhl described the situation as "more (5) \_\_\_\_\_". He said: "What civilians in Yarmouk are most concerned about right now (6) \_\_\_\_\_".

Yarmouk was established in 1957 to accommodate (7) \_\_\_\_\_ Palestinian refugees from Israel. It became home to the largest Palestinian (8) \_\_\_\_\_ in Syria. Before the recent ISIS incursion, around 160,000 people lived there. Life in the camp had already become (9) \_\_\_\_\_ most residents following 18 months of bombing (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because of Syria's civil war. Many parts of the camp now resemble a ghost town, with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a civilian population that has fled. News agencies report that ISIS (11) \_\_\_\_\_ 90 per cent of the camp. Syrian authorities are worried ISIS (12) \_\_\_\_\_ springboard to launch attacks on the capital Damascus.

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

1. Where in Damascus is Yarmouk?

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2. How many Palestinians are in the camp?

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3. Which country's ambassador called for the protection of civilians?

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4. Who is Pierre Krahenbuhl?

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5. What did Pierre Krahenbuhl say civilians are most concerned about?

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6. When was Yarmouk first set up?

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7. How many people use to live in Yarmouk?

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8. For how long have the people of Yarmouk endured bombing?

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9. How much of Yarmouk does ISIS control?

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10. What is Syria worried about ISIS attacking?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

1. Where in Damascus is Yarmouk?
  - a) the centre
  - b) the suburbs
  - c) the north
  - d) the southeast
2. How many Palestinians are in the camp?
  - a) 15,000
  - b) 16,000
  - c) 17,000
  - d) 18,000
3. Which country's ambassador called for the protection of civilians?
  - a) Qatar
  - b) Lebanon
  - c) Jordan
  - d) Egypt
4. Who is Pierre Krahenbuhl?
  - a) a U.N. spokesperson
  - b) a soldier
  - c) an ambassador
  - d) a refugee
5. What did Pierre Krahenbuhl say civilians are most concerned about?
  - a) their homes
  - b) survival
  - c) money
  - d) winning
6. When was Yarmouk first set up?
  - a) 1957
  - b) 1956
  - c) 1955
  - d) 1954
7. How many people use to live in Yarmouk?
  - a) 140,000
  - b) 150,000
  - c) 160,000
  - d) 170,000
8. For how long have the people of Yarmouk endured bombing?
  - a) 18 months
  - b) 2 years
  - c) 2 ½ years
  - d) 3 years
9. How much of Yarmouk does ISIS control?
  - a) 60%
  - b) 70%
  - c) 80%
  - d) 90%
10. What is Syria worried about ISIS attacking?
  - a) the mountains
  - b) Iraq
  - c) Damascus
  - d) Jordan

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

## **Role A – Tents**

You think refugees need tents most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least needed of these (and why): Internet, medicine or clothes.

## **Role B – Internet**

You think refugees need the Internet most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least needed of these (and why): tents, medicine or clothes.

## **Role C – Medicine**

You think refugees need medicine most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least needed of these (and why): Internet, tents or clothes.

## **Role D – Clothes**

You think refugees need clothes most. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so necessary. Also, tell the others which is the least needed of these (and why): Internet, medicine or tents.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'refugee' and 'camp'.

refugee	camp

- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• plea</li><li>• around</li><li>• holed</li><li>• called</li><li>• saving</li><li>• bare</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 1957</li><li>• largest</li><li>• recent</li><li>• bomb</li><li>• 90</li><li>• launch</li></ul>
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# REFUGEES SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

Write five GOOD questions about refugees in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# REFUGEES DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- 1) What did you think when you read the headline?
- 2) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'refugee'?
- 3) What do you know about Yarmouk?
- 4) What good do you think the U.N. plea will do?
- 5) How could ISIS get to control a Damascus suburb?
- 6) How can the world help the refugees in Yarmouk?
- 7) Why are there so many refugees in the world?
- 8) To what extent has the world forgotten about what's happening in Syria?
- 9) What kind of humanitarian assistance is needed?
- 10) What do you imagine the situation in Yarmouk to be like?

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# REFUGEES DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What will it take for there to be no more refugees in the world?
- 13) Should richer countries accept more refugees?
- 14) In what ways do you think life in the camp is intolerable?
- 15) Should the USA and other countries go into Syria?
- 16) What should other Arab countries be doing to help Syrians?
- 17) Will ISIS win?
- 18) What do you think the situation will be like this time next year?
- 19) What would happen if ISIS attacked and overran Damascus?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask the UN spokesperson?

# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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# DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

# LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Yarmouk was established in 1957 to accommodate the huge (7) \_\_\_\_\_ of Palestinian refugees from Israel. It became (8) \_\_\_\_\_ to the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria. Before the recent ISIS incursion, around 160,000 people lived there. Life in the camp had already become intolerable (9) \_\_\_\_\_ most residents following 18 months of bombing and a (10) \_\_\_\_\_ because of Syria's civil war. Many parts of the camp now (11) \_\_\_\_\_ a ghost town, with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a civilian population that has fled. News agencies report that ISIS now controls about 90 per cent of the camp. Syrian authorities are worried ISIS could use it (12) \_\_\_\_\_ a springboard to launch attacks on the capital Damascus.

## Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- |     |               |               |               |              |
|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1.  | (a) prey      | (b) please    | (c) play      | (d) plea     |
| 2.  | (a) prayed    | (b) plate     | (c) played    | (d) plight   |
| 3.  | (a) raised    | (b) fled      | (c) jaunted   | (d) laid     |
| 4.  | (a) by        | (b) on        | (c) to        | (d) as       |
| 5.  | (a) inclusion | (b) inclusive | (c) including | (d) includes |
| 6.  | (a) bare      | (b) base      | (c) bane      | (d) bale     |
| 7.  | (a) detox     | (b) influx    | (c) reflux    | (d) reflex   |
| 8.  | (a) home      | (b) house     | (c) residence | (d) manor    |
| 9.  | (a) of        | (b) for       | (c) to        | (d) as       |
| 10. | (a) size      | (b) sage      | (c) siege     | (d) stage    |
| 11. | (a) similar   | (b) moderate  | (c) resemble  | (d) attach   |
| 12. | (a) is        | (b) was       | (c) has       | (d) as       |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. The United Nations has made a pale
2. in the ssrubub of Damascus
3. the ghlpit of around 18,000 Palestinian refugees
4. the protection of Inivacsii
5. life-saving tsasicsena
6. more staeperde than ever

## Paragraph 2

7. mdoaccotame the huge influx
8. the recent ISIS ncinorusi
9. eoenblrilta for most residents
10. 18 months of bombing and a egeis
11. srlbeeem a ghost town
12. Syrian iraauthstoie



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	resemble a ghost town, with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a civilian
( )	the camp. Jordan's Ambassador to the UN Dina Kavar called "for the protection of
( )	160,000 people lived there. Life in the camp had already become intolerable for most residents
( )	population that has fled. News agencies report that ISIS now controls about 90 per cent of the camp. Syrian
( )	following 18 months of bombing and a siege because of Syria's civil war. Many parts of the camp now
( <b>1</b> )	The United Nations has made a plea for humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in the
( )	up in the camp. Many of Yarmouk's residents fled after the group ISIS invaded last Wednesday and overran
( )	spokesperson Pierre Krahenbuhl described the situation as "more desperate than ever". He said:
( )	civilians in the camp" and for "humanitarian access to the area including...life-saving assistance". Another UN
( )	Yarmouk was established in 1957 to accommodate the huge influx of Palestinian refugees from Israel. It became
( )	home to the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria. Before the recent ISIS incursion, around
( )	suburbs of Damascus. The UN is concerned about the plight of around 18,000 Palestinian refugees holed
( )	"What civilians in Yarmouk are most concerned about right now is bare survival".
( )	authorities are worried ISIS could use it as a springboard to launch attacks on the capital Damascus.

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

1. refugees plight 18,000 Palestinian The around of .

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2. the invaded after ISIS Wednesday fled group last Residents .

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3. the camp Kawar called for the protection of civilians in .

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4. more Described desperate the than situation ever as .

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5. Yarmouk are What most civilians concerned in about .

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6. influx huge the Accommodate refugees Palestinian of .

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7. already Life had camp intolerable the become in .

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8. the camp now resemble a ghost town Many parts of .

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9. that controls per report now 90 Agencies ISIS about cent .

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10. as a springboard to launch attacks ISIS could use it .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

The United Nations has made a *plea / please* for humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in the *suburban / suburbs* of Damascus. The UN is concerned about the *flight / plight* of around 18,000 Palestinian refugees holed *down / up* in the camp. Many of Yarmouk's residents fled after the group ISIS invaded last Wednesday and *overrun / overran* the camp. Jordan's Ambassador to the UN Dina Kwar called "for the protection *by / of* civilians in the camp" and for "humanitarian access to the area *including / inclusive* ...life-saving assistance". *Another / Other* UN spokesperson Pierre Krahenbuhl described *the / a* situation as "more desperate than ever". He said: "What civilians in Yarmouk are most concerned about right now is *bare / bear* survival".

Yarmouk was established in 1957 to *home / accommodate* the huge influx of Palestinian refugees from Israel. It became *home / house* to the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria. Before the *recently / recent* ISIS incursion, *around / round* 160,000 people lived there. Life in the camp had already become intolerable for most residents *followed / following* 18 months of bombing and a *siege / sage* because of Syria's civil war. Many parts of the camp now *resemble / semblance* a ghost town, with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a *civilian / civil* population that has fled. News agencies report that ISIS now controls about 90 per cent *for / of* the camp. Syrian authorities are worried ISIS could use it as a springboard to launch attacks on *the / a* capital Damascus.

**Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.**

# INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

Th\_ \_n\_t\_d N\_t\_\_ns h\_s m\_d\_ \_ pl\_\_ f\_r  
h\_m\_n\_t\_r\_\_n \_\_cc\_ss t\_ th\_ b\_s\_g\_d Y\_rm\_\_k  
P\_l\_st\_n\_\_n r\_f\_g\_\_ c\_m\_p \_n th\_ s\_b\_rbs \_f  
D\_m\_sc\_s. Th\_ \_N \_s c\_nc\_rn\_d \_b\_\_t th\_ pl\_ght \_f  
\_r\_\_nd 18,000 P\_l\_st\_n\_\_n r\_f\_g\_\_s h\_l\_d \_p \_n th\_  
c\_m\_p. M\_ny \_f Y\_rm\_\_k's r\_s\_d\_n\_t\_s fl\_d \_ft\_r th\_  
gr\_\_p \_S\_S \_nv\_d\_d l\_st W\_dn\_sd\_y \_nd \_v\_rr\_n th\_  
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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1504/150410-yarmouk.html>

the united nations has made a plea for humanitarian access to the besieged yarmouk palestinian refugee camp in the suburbs of damascus the un is concerned about the plight of around 18000 palestinian refugees holed up in the camp many of yarmouk's residents fled after the group isis invaded last wednesday and overran the camp jordan's ambassador to the un dina kawat called "for the protection of civilians in the camp" and for "humanitarian access to the area including...life-saving assistance" another un spokesperson pierre krahenbuhl described the situation as "more desperate than ever" he said "what civilians in yarmouk are most concerned about right now is bare survival"

yarmouk was established in 1957 to accommodate the huge influx of palestinian refugees from israel it became home to the largest palestinian refugee community in syria before the recent isis incursion around 160000 people lived there life in the camp had already become intolerable for most residents following 18 months of bombing and a siege because of syria's civil war many parts of the camp now resemble a ghost town with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a civilian population that has fled news agencies report that isis now controls about 90 per cent of the camp syrian authorities are worried isis could use it as a springboard to launch attacks on the capital damascus

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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The United Nations has made a plea for humanitarian access to the besieged Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in the suburbs of Damascus. The UN is concerned about the plight of around 18,000 Palestinian refugees who are stuck in the camp. Many of Yarmouk's residents fled after the group ISIS invaded last Wednesday and overran the camp. Jordan's Ambassador to the UN Dina Kawar called "for the protection of civilians in the camp" and for "humanitarian access to the area including... life-saving assistance". Another UN spokesperson Pierre Krahenbuhl described the situation as "more desperate than ever". He said: "What civilians in Yarmouk are most concerned about right now is bare survival". Yarmouk was established in 1957 to accommodate the huge influx of Palestinian refugees from Israel. It became home to the largest Palestinian refugee community in Syria. Before the recent ISIS incursion, around 160,000 people lived there. Life in the camp had already become intolerable for most residents following 18 months of bombing and a siege because of Syria's civil war. Many parts of the camp now resemble a ghost town, with shells of bomb-blasted buildings and a civilian population that has fled. News agencies report that ISIS now controls about 90 percent of the camp. Syrian authorities are worried ISIS could use it as a springboard to launch attacks on the capital Damascus.







# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about refugees. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SYRIA:** Make a poster about Syria. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. YARMOUK:** Write a magazine article about Yarmouk. Should the USA send troops in? Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**6. LETTER:** Write a letter to an expert on Syria. Ask him/her three questions about the refugees. Give him/her three ideas on how to resolve this problem. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F    b F    c F    d T    e T    f T    g F    h T

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|----------------|---------------|
| 1. plea        | a. appeal     |
| 2. suburbs     | b. outskirts  |
| 3. fled        | c. ran away   |
| 4. assistance  | d. aid        |
| 5. concerned   | e. worried    |
| 6. established | f. set up     |
| 7. community   | g. population |
| 8. incursion   | h. attack     |
| 9. resemble    | i. look like  |
| 10. launch     | j. start      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. The suburbs
2. 18,000
3. Jordan
4. A U.N. ambassador
5. Survival
6. 1957
7. 160,000
8. 18 months
9. 90%
10. Damascus

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b    2. d    3. c    4. a    5. b    6. a    7. c    8. a    9. d    10. c

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.  
(It's good for your English ;-)