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## **Level 6**

# **Drought Leaves Ethiopia Facing Food Crisis**

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# THE ARTICLE

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International charities have issued a stark warning about a looming humanitarian catastrophe in Ethiopia. The North African country has been hit by its worst drought for 50 years. It is widely expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run out unless more funds can be found. John Graham, the head of the charity Save the Children in Ethiopia, said: "The international community has just three weeks to provide \$245 million in emergency food aid to help prevent a potentially catastrophic escalation in severe malnutrition cases." He added that: "If these emergency funds do not arrive in time, there is no question that there will be a critical fracture in the food aid supply pipeline."

Ethiopia is Africa's second most populous country. It is no stranger to natural disasters of this kind. Famine killed over one million Ethiopians in 1984. The latest drought was brought on by the El Nino weather phenomenon, which has caused drought and flooding across much of Africa. Ethiopia is one of the countries hardest hit. Charities say that over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five will suffer from severe malnutrition this year. In addition, 1.7 million under-fives, pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers will need treatment for malnutrition. Mr Graham warned that, "the window for action is rapidly closing" as it can take four months to buy food aid and transport it into the landlocked country.

Sources: <http://geeskaafrika.com/2016/02/10/ethiopia-food-aid-to-run-out-says-charity/>  
<http://news.sky.com/story/1639109/drought-leaves-ethiopia-facing-food-crisis>  
<http://www.iol.co.za/news/africa/ethiopia-running-out-of-food-aid-1982343>

# WARM-UPS

**1. DROUGHT:** Students walk around the class and talk to other students about drought. 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?

*charities / humanitarian / catastrophe / emergency / food aid / community / supply / populous / famine / drought / flooding / malnutrition / pregnant / window / transport*

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

**3. NEEDS:** What would life be like without them? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners and share what you wrote. Change and share again.

	What would life be like?	What would you do?
food		
water		
shelter		
warmth		
medicine		
education		

**4. AID:** Students A **strongly** believe the world will come to Ethiopia's aid; Students B **strongly** believe the opposite. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. RESOURCES:** What are most important in a famine? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners and share your rankings again.

- aid workers
- army
- 4WD trucks
- water tablets
- blankets
- basic medicine
- wood for fire and cooking
- peace

**6. EMERGENCY:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "emergency". 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/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

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

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. Charities have warned of a terrible catastrophe about to hit Ethiopia.  | T / F |
| b. Ethiopia has been hit by its worst drought ever.                        | T / F |
| c. Ten million Ethiopians are in need of food aid.                         | T / F |
| d. Ethiopia needs \$245 million in food aid in the next three months.      | T / F |
| e. Ethiopia has the second highest population of any country in Africa.    | T / F |
| f. The latest drought is because of El Nino.                               | T / F |
| g. Charities say half-a-million 5-year-olds will be severely malnourished. | T / F |
| h. It takes four weeks to buy food aid and transport it to Ethiopia.       | T / F |

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

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. issued      | a. most recent  |
| 2. catastrophe | b. increase     |
| 3. expected    | c. medical care |
| 4. escalation  | d. disaster     |
| 5. fracture    | e. serious      |
| 6. latest      | f. given        |
| 7. phenomenon  | g. quickly      |
| 8. severe      | h. believed     |
| 9. treatment   | i. event        |
| 10. rapidly    | j. break        |

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

- |   |                          |
|---|--------------------------|
| 1. a looming humanitarian                     | a. expected              |
| 2. hit by its worst drought                   | b. populous country      |
| 3. widely                                     | c. pipeline              |
| 4. provide \$245 million in                   | d. of five will suffer   |
| 5. a critical fracture in the food aid supply | e. rapidly closing       |
| 6. Africa's second most                       | f. emergency food aid    |
| 7. caused drought and flooding                | g. catastrophe           |
| 8. children under the age                     | h. across much of Africa |
| 9. mothers will need treatment                | i. for 50 years          |
| 10. the window for action is                  | j. for malnutrition      |

# GAP FILL

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

International charities have issued a stark (1) \_\_\_\_\_ about a looming humanitarian catastrophe in Ethiopia. The North African country has been hit by its (2) \_\_\_\_\_ drought for 50 years. It is widely expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run out unless more (3) \_\_\_\_\_ can be found. John Graham, the head of the charity Save the Children in Ethiopia, said: "The international community has just three weeks to (4) \_\_\_\_\_ \$245 million in emergency food aid to help prevent a (5) \_\_\_\_\_ catastrophic escalation in severe malnutrition (6) \_\_\_\_\_." He added that: "If these emergency funds do not arrive in time, there is no (7) \_\_\_\_\_ that there will be a critical fracture in the food aid supply (8) \_\_\_\_\_."

*potentially*  
*cases*  
*worst*  
*pipeline*  
*funds*  
*question*  
*warning*  
*provide*

Ethiopia is Africa's second most (9) \_\_\_\_\_ country. It is no stranger to (10) \_\_\_\_\_ disasters of this kind. Famine killed over one million Ethiopians in 1984. The latest drought was brought on by the El Nino weather phenomenon, which has caused drought and (11) \_\_\_\_\_ across much of Africa. Ethiopia is one of the countries (12) \_\_\_\_\_ hit. Charities say that over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five will suffer from (13) \_\_\_\_\_ malnutrition this year. In addition, 1.7 million under-fives, pregnant women and breast-feeding (14) \_\_\_\_\_ mothers will need treatment for malnutrition. Mr Graham warned that, "the window for action is (15) \_\_\_\_\_ closing" as it can take four months to buy food aid and transport it into the (16) \_\_\_\_\_ country.

*flooding*  
*natural*  
*rapidly*  
*populous*  
*severe*  
*landlocked*  
*hardest*  
*feeding*

# LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

- 1) International charities have issued a stark warning about a looming \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. humanitarian catastrophic
  - b. humanitarian catastrophe
  - c. humanitarian catastrophes
  - d. humanitarian cat astral fee
- 2) The North African country has been hit by its \_\_\_\_\_ for 50 years
  - a. worse drought
  - b. worst drought
  - c. whilst drought
  - d. wilts drought
- 3) It is widely expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will run up
  - b. will run at
  - c. will run it
  - d. will run out
- 4) provide \$245 million in emergency food aid to help prevent a potentially \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. catastrophic escalations
  - b. catastrophic escalated
  - c. catastrophic escalating
  - d. catastrophic escalation
- 5) there is no question that there will be a critical fracture in the food aid \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. supple pipeline
  - b. sup ply pipeline
  - c. supply pipeline
  - d. sup plies pipeline
- 6) Ethiopia is Africa's second most populous country. It is no stranger to natural \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. disaster of this kind
  - b. disastrous of this kind
  - c. disasters of this kind
  - d. dis asters of this kind
- 7) over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five will suffer from \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. severe malnutrition
  - b. several malnutrition
  - c. severance malnutrition
  - d. sever malnutrition
- 8) 1.7 million under-fives, pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. will needs treatment
  - b. will needy treatment
  - c. will needing treatment
  - d. will need treatment
- 9) Mr Graham warned that the window for action \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. is rapidly closing in
  - b. is rapidly closing
  - c. is rapidly close in
  - d. is rapidly closed in
- 10) it can take four months to buy food aid and transport it into the \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. landlocked country
  - b. land blocked country
  - c. land clocked country
  - d. land looked country

# LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

1. Who gave a stark warning about Ethiopia's looming catastrophe?

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2. How many Ethiopians are at risk of not receiving food aid?

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3. What charity was mentioned in the article?

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4. How long does the international community have to provide funds?

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5. What will there be a fracture in if funds to not arrive in time?

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6. How many African countries have a bigger population than Ethiopia?

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7. What is the weather phenomenon causing the latest drought?

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8. How many under-fives could suffer from severe malnutrition?

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9. What did a charity worker say is rapidly closing?

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10. How long can it take to buy and transport food aid to Ethiopia?

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# MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

1. Who gave a stark warning about Ethiopia's looming catastrophe?
  - a) the African Union
  - b) international charities
  - c) the World Health Organisation
  - d) Ethiopia's leader
2. How many Ethiopians are at risk of not receiving food aid?
  - a) 1,000,000
  - b) 100,000,000
  - c) 100,000
  - d) 10,000,000
3. What charity was mentioned in the article?
  - a) Save the Children
  - b) Doctors Without Borders
  - c) Greenpeace
  - d) Action Aid
4. How long does the international community have to provide funds?
  - a) 2 weeks
  - b) 4 weeks
  - c) 3 weeks
  - d) 5 weeks
5. What will there be a fracture in if funds do not arrive in time?
  - a) relations
  - b) the food aid supply pipeline
  - c) bones
  - d) Internet cables
6. How many African countries have a bigger population than Ethiopia?
  - a) 2
  - b) 3
  - c) 1
  - d) 5
7. What is the weather phenomenon causing the latest drought?
  - a) St. Elmo's fire
  - b) global warming
  - c) Indian summer
  - d) El Nino
8. How many under-fives could suffer from severe malnutrition?
  - a) over 400,000
  - b) a million
  - c) half-a-million
  - d) 1.7 million
9. What did a charity worker say is rapidly closing?
  - a) the window for action
  - b) banks
  - c) transport services
  - d) famine
10. How long can it take to buy and transport food aid to Ethiopia?
  - a) three weeks
  - b) four months
  - c) a week
  - d) two weeks

# ROLE PLAY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

## **Role A – Aid workers**

You think aid workers are most important in a famine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): blankets, wood or mobile phones.

## **Role B – Blankets**

You think blankets are most important in a famine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): aid workers, wood or mobile phones.

## **Role C – Wood for fire and cooking**

You think wood is most important in a famine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): blankets, aid workers or mobile phones.

## **Role D – Mobile phones**

You think mobile phones are most important in a famine. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their things aren't so good. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): blankets, wood or aid workers.

# AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

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

<b>emergency</b>	<b>aid</b>
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- 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>• issued</li><li>• 50</li><li>• 10</li><li>• 245</li><li>• time</li><li>• supply</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• stranger</li><li>• 1984</li><li>• 400,000</li><li>• 1.7</li><li>• window</li><li>• four</li></ul>
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# ETHIOPIA'S DROUGHT SURVEY

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Ethiopia's drought 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.

# ETHIOPIA'S DROUGHT 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 'drought'?
- 3) Why are there still people in danger of starving in today's world?
- 4) What can we do to help those at risk in Ethiopia?
- 5) Why don't the world's billionaires provide more funds?
- 6) Two jet fighters cost more than the aid needed. Why are jet fighters more important than feeding 10 million people?
- 7) What is malnutrition?
- 8) What would you do if you were head of a charity?
- 9) What can you do today to help the people in Ethiopia?
- 10) What three adjectives best describe this story?

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# ETHIOPIA'S DROUGHT DISCUSSION

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

- 11) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 12) What do you know about drought and famine in Ethiopia?
- 13) Should world leaders be held responsible for deaths due to famine?
- 14) What is El Nino and how does it affect the weather?
- 15) What natural disasters are there in your country?
- 16) Why isn't this story in the news every day?
- 17) Why doesn't just one billionaire provide the \$245 million of aid needed?
- 18) Why are people more interested in celebrities than starving people?
- 19) When will malnutrition completely disappear from our world?
- 20) What questions would you like to ask world leaders?

# 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

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

International charities have issued a (1) \_\_\_\_\_ warning about a (2) \_\_\_\_\_ humanitarian catastrophe in Ethiopia. The North African country has been hit by its worst drought for 50 years. It is (3) \_\_\_\_\_ expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run out (4) \_\_\_\_\_ more funds can be found. John Graham, the head of the charity Save the Children in Ethiopia, said: "The international community has just three weeks to provide \$245 million in emergency food aid to help prevent a potentially catastrophic (5) \_\_\_\_\_ in severe malnutrition cases." He added that: "If these emergency funds do not arrive in time, there is no question that there will be a critical fracture in the food aid supply (6) \_\_\_\_\_."

Ethiopia is Africa's second most populous country. It is no (7) \_\_\_\_\_ to natural disasters of this kind. Famine killed over one million Ethiopians in 1984. The latest drought was brought (8) \_\_\_\_\_ by the El Nino weather phenomenon, which has caused drought and flooding (9) \_\_\_\_\_ much of Africa. Ethiopia is one of the countries hardest hit. Charities say that over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five will suffer from (10) \_\_\_\_\_ malnutrition this year. In addition, 1.7 million under-fives, pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers will need (11) \_\_\_\_\_ for malnutrition. Mr Graham warned that, "the window for action is rapidly closing" as it can take four months to buy food aid and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ it into the landlocked country.

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

- |     |                |                  |                  |                |
|-----|----------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) stark      | (b) strict       | (c) stuck        | (d) stork      |
| 2.  | (a) canter     | (b) diligent     | (c) looming      | (d) forthright |
| 3.  | (a) width      | (b) widens       | (c) widely       | (d) widening   |
| 4.  | (a) duress     | (b) nevertheless | (c) regardless   | (d) unless     |
| 5.  | (a) escalation | (b) elevated     | (c) highlighting | (d) arising    |
| 6.  | (a) tube       | (b) pipeline     | (c) vein         | (d) canal      |
| 7.  | (a) shadow     | (b) mystery      | (c) alien        | (d) stranger   |
| 8.  | (a) to         | (b) on           | (c) of           | (d) for        |
| 9.  | (a) all        | (b) on           | (c) across       | (d) arriving   |
| 10. | (a) acrid      | (b) severe       | (c) venomous     | (d) icy        |
| 11. | (a) medicinal  | (b) carer        | (c) copious      | (d) treatment  |
| 12. | (a) vehicle    | (b) transport    | (c) delivery     | (d) haulage    |

# SPELLING

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## Paragraph 1

1. a looming humanitarian chotpsearta
2. engcrmeye food aid
3. The international tnyioucmm
4. rseeve malnutrition cases
5. there will be a licatirc fracture
6. in the food aid supply nieeplpi

## Paragraph 2

7. Africa's second most puosuolp country
8. It is no stranger to natural essiartsd
9. the El Nino weather eohnpnmnoe
10. caused drought and gioflond
11. tpennarg women and breast-feeding mothers
12. tmtateenr for malnutrition



# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

( )	hit. Charities say that over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the age of five will suffer
( )	feeding mothers will need treatment for malnutrition. Mr Graham warned that, "the window for action is rapidly
( )	\$245 million in emergency food aid to help prevent a potentially catastrophic escalation in severe
( )	time, there is no question that there will be a critical fracture in the food aid supply pipeline."
( )	expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run out unless more funds can be found. John Graham, the head
( <b>1</b> )	International charities have issued a stark warning about a looming humanitarian catastrophe
( )	malnutrition cases." He added that: "If these emergency funds do not arrive in
( )	in Ethiopia. The North African country has been hit by its worst drought for 50 years. It is widely
( )	Ethiopia is Africa's second most populous country. It is no stranger to natural disasters of this kind. Famine killed over
( )	closing" as it can take four months to buy food aid and transport it into the landlocked country.
( )	phenomenon, which has caused drought and flooding across much of Africa. Ethiopia is one of the countries hardest
( )	from severe malnutrition this year. In addition, 1.7 million under-fives, pregnant women and breast-
( )	one million Ethiopians in 1984. The latest drought was brought on by the El Nino weather
( )	of the charity Save the Children in Ethiopia, said: "The international community has just three weeks to provide

# PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

1. catastrophe about a A looming stark humanitarian warning .

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2. by hit been has country African North The drought worst its .

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3. for 10 million Ethiopians will run out Emergency food aid .

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4. not time these do in If funds arrive emergency .

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5. aid fracture food pipeline critical the supply A in .

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6. Africa's Ethiopia populous second is country most .

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7. stranger to natural disasters of this kind It is no .

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8. hit of the Ethiopia countries is hardest one .

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9. age will Ethiopian the five under of suffer children .

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10. action the is window Warned rapidly for that closing .

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# CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1602/160212-ethiopia-drought.html>

International charities have issued a *stork / stark* warning about a looming humanitarian *catastrophe / catastrophic* in Ethiopia. The North African country has been hit by its *worse / worst* drought for 50 years. It is *widely / width* expected that emergency food aid for 10 million Ethiopians will run out unless more funds can be found. John Graham, the head of the *clarity / charity* Save the Children in Ethiopia, said: "The international community has just three weeks to *providing / provide* \$245 million *in / on* emergency food aid to help prevent a potentially catastrophic *escalation / escalator* in severe malnutrition cases." He added that: "If these emergency funds do not arrive in time, there is no *answer / question* that there will be a critical fracture in the food aid *supple / supply* pipeline."

Ethiopia is Africa's second most *populate / populous* country. It is no *stranger / stronger* to natural disasters of this *kindly / kind*. Famine killed over one million Ethiopians in 1984. The latest *draught / drought* was brought on by the El Nino weather phenomenon, which has caused drought and *flooding / flooded* across much of Africa. Ethiopia is one of the countries hardest hit. Charities say that over 400,000 Ethiopian children under the *aged / age* of five will suffer from *several / severe* malnutrition this year. In addition, 1.7 million under-fives, pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers will *need / needy* treatment for malnutrition. Mr Graham warned that, "the *window / hatch* for action is rapidly closing" as it can take four months to buy food aid and transport it into the *unlocked / landlocked* country.

**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)

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# PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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ethiopia is africa's second most populous country it is no stranger to natural disasters of this kind famine killed over one million ethiopians in 1984 the latest drought was brought on by the el nino weather phenomenon which has caused drought and flooding across much of africa ethiopia is one of the countries hardest hit charities say that over 400000 ethiopian children under the age of five will suffer from severe malnutrition this year in addition 17 million under-fives pregnant women and breast-feeding mothers will need treatment for malnutrition mr graham warned that "the window for action is rapidly closing" as it can take four months to buy food aid and transport it into the landlocked country

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# 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 Ethiopia's drought. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. ETHIOPIA'S DROUGHT:** Make a poster about Ethiopia's drought. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. OVERSEAS AID:** Write a magazine article about overseas aid. Include imaginary interviews with leaders of rich countries, and with people who think rich countries should give more money in aid.

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 droughts. Ask him/her three questions about Ethiopia's drought. Give him/her three ideas on how to help people affected by the drought. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

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

## SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

- |                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. issued      | a. given        |
| 2. catastrophe | b. disaster     |
| 3. expected    | c. believed     |
| 4. escalation  | d. increase     |
| 5. fracture    | e. break        |
| 6. latest      | f. most recent  |
| 7. phenomenon  | g. event        |
| 8. severe      | h. serious      |
| 9. treatment   | i. medical care |
| 10. rapidly    | j. quickly      |

## COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. International charities
2. 10 million
3. Save the Children
4. Three weeks
5. The food aid supply pipeline
6. One
7. El Nino
8. Over 400,000
9. The window for action
10. Four weeks

## MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

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

## ALL OTHER EXERCISES

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