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World faces biggest humanitarian crisis since 1945

13th March, 2017

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THE READING

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The U.N. has warned the world is facing its biggest humanitarian crisis since 1945. It issued a plea for all nations to help avoid "a catastrophe". U.N. Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien, said over 20 million people face the threat of starvation in Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen. He stressed there was an urgent need for, "accelerated global efforts to support U.N. humanitarian action on the ground". He added: "We stand at a critical point in history. Already at the beginning of the year we are facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the creation of the U.N."

The U.N. warned of misery for millions in the affected countries. It said: "Without collective...global efforts...people risk starving to death." It warned of disease, of children with stunted growth, of "lost futures, mass displacements and reversed development gains". The El Niño weather phenomenon has brought little rain, but a lot of the problems are man made. Conflicts are displacing many people. There are reports of aid convoys being attacked. Mr O'Brien said: "It is possible to avert this crisis, to avert these famines...these looming human catastrophes. It is all preventable."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. It issued a plea | a. the ground |
| 2. help avoid a | b. need |
| 3. 20 million people face the | c. for all nations |
| 4. He stressed there was an urgent | d. of the U.N. |
| 5. accelerated | e. threat of starvation |
| 6. humanitarian action on | f. point in history |
| 7. We stand at a critical | g. global efforts |
| 8. since the creation | h. catastrophe |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The U.N. warned of misery | a. are man made |
| 2. people risk starving | b. catastrophes |
| 3. children with stunted | c. convoys being attacked |
| 4. a lot of the problems | d. preventable |
| 5. There are reports of aid | e. growth |
| 6. It is possible to | f. for millions |
| 7. looming human | g. to death |
| 8. It is all | h. avert this crisis |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The U.N. has warned the world (1) _____ biggest humanitarian crisis since 1945. It (2) _____ for all nations to help (3) _____. U.N. Emergency Relief Coordinator, Stephen O'Brien, said over 20 million people face the (4) _____ Kenya, Nigeria, Somalia, South Sudan and Yemen. He stressed there (5) _____ need for, "accelerated global efforts to support U.N. humanitarian action on the ground". He added: "We (6) _____ point in history. Already at the beginning of the year we are facing the largest humanitarian crisis since the creation of the U.N."

The U.N. (7) _____ for millions in the affected countries. It said: "Without collective... (8) _____ people risk starving to death." It (9) _____, of children with stunted growth, of "lost futures, mass displacements and reversed development gains". The El Niño weather phenomenon has brought little rain, (10) _____ problems are man made. Conflicts are displacing many people. There are (11) _____ being attacked. Mr O'Brien said: "It is possible to avert this crisis, to avert these famines...these looming human catastrophes. (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HUMANITARIAN CRISES SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1703/170313-humanitarian-crisis-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about humanitarian crises 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.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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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) _____

