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**Level 2** – 5th March, 2021

## UK criticized for cutting aid to Yemen

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

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The UK is being attacked for cutting the aid it gives to Yemen. The UK said it would cut the amount of humanitarian aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. Three weeks ago, the UK foreign office minister said Yemen would stay a "UK priority country". He said his government would use all efforts to bring peace. Yemen is one of the world's least developed countries. The UN reports that Yemen is the country with the most people in need of aid. There are about 24 million people who need help. This is about 85 per cent of its population. It ranks second worst in the Global Hunger Index.

There could be a terrible humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Millions of people are struggling to find food. The threat of a famine is deepening the crisis. A civil war has ruined hospitals. A refugee expert said: "We are seeing a...countdown to a possible famine that the world hasn't seen since...the 1980s." The UN said: "More than 50,000 people are starving to death and 16 million will go hungry this year." It added that the UK cut in aid this year would be very sad. A UK newspaper said: "Yemenis aren't starving, they are being starved."

Sources: <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2021/mar/02/weve-cut-aid-to-yemen-and-children-will-starve-is-this-what-global-britain-means>  
<https://www.arabnews.com/node/1818566/world>  
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yemen>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid-2.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                              |                        |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. attacked for cutting      | a. who need help       |
| 2. cut the amount of         | b. developed countries |
| 3. the UK foreign            | c. worst               |
| 4. the world's least         | d. the aid it gives    |
| 5. most people in            | e. of its population   |
| 6. about 24 million people   | f. office minister     |
| 7. This is about 85 per cent | g. need of aid         |
| 8. It ranks second           | h. humanitarian aid    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. a terrible humanitarian | a. the crisis       |
| 2. Millions                | b. find food        |
| 3. struggling to           | c. the 1980s        |
| 4. famine is deepening     | d. starved          |
| 5. A civil war has         | e. expert           |
| 6. A refugee               | f. crisis in Yemen  |
| 7. since                   | g. ruined hospitals |
| 8. they are being          | h. of people        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UK is being attacked for (1) \_\_\_\_\_ it gives to Yemen. The UK said it would (2) \_\_\_\_\_ of humanitarian aid to Yemen by more than 50 per cent. Three weeks ago, the UK (3) \_\_\_\_\_ said Yemen would stay a "UK priority country". He said his government would use all efforts to bring peace. Yemen is one of the (4) \_\_\_\_\_ countries. The UN reports that Yemen is the country with the most people in (5) \_\_\_\_\_. There are about 24 million people who need help. This is about 85 per cent of its population. It (6) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Global Hunger Index.

There could (7) \_\_\_\_\_ humanitarian crisis in Yemen. Millions of people (8) \_\_\_\_\_ find food. The threat of a famine is deepening the crisis. A civil war has ruined hospitals. A (9) \_\_\_\_\_: "We are seeing a...countdown to a possible famine that the world hasn't seen (10) \_\_\_\_\_." The UN said: "More than 50,000 people are starving to death and 16 million will (11) \_\_\_\_\_ year." It added that the UK cut in aid this year would be very sad. A UK newspaper said: "Yemenis aren't starving, they (12) \_\_\_\_\_."

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# YEMEN SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2103/210305-yemen-aid-2.html>

Write five GOOD questions about Yemen 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) \_\_\_\_\_

