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**Level 1** – 15th September, 2022

## **UN says 50 million are in 'modern slavery'**

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220915-modern-slavery-1.html>

Slavery still exists. The United Nations says about 50 million people are enslaved today. They are in forced labour or marriages. The U.N. said one in 150 people in the world is enslaved. This number increased by 20 per cent in the past few years. It is growing because of coronavirus, climate change, and the cost of living crisis. These have made many people poor. They can only survive by working in terrible conditions having an unwanted marriage.

The UN hoped to end modern slavery by 2030. However, the number of people in forced labour or forced marriage has increased. Slavery happens when people "cannot refuse or cannot leave because of threats". This problem is not just in poor countries. The UN said: "It would be a mistake to believe that forced labour is solely the problem of poor countries." Over half of forced workers and a quarter of forced marriages are in richer countries.

Sources: <https://www.aljazeera.com/news/2022/9/12/modern-slavery-swells-to-50-million-on-any-given-day-un>  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2022/09/12/asia/modern-slavery-forced-marriage-climate-health-intl-hnk/index.html>  
<https://www.reuters.com/world/modern-slavery-rise-crises-fuel-poverty-un-report-2022-09-12/>

# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220915-modern-slavery-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                         |                 |
|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Slavery still        | a. conditions   |
| 2. one in 150 people    | b. crisis       |
| 3. in the past          | c. marriage     |
| 4. the cost of living   | d. survive      |
| 5. These have made many | e. few years    |
| 6. They can only        | f. exists       |
| 7. working in terrible  | g. in the world |
| 8. having an unwanted   | h. people poor  |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                   |                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The UN hoped to end            | a. in poor countries   |
| 2. the number of people in forced | b. has increased       |
| 3. forced marriage                | c. threats             |
| 4. people cannot                  | d. labour              |
| 5. because of                     | e. of poor countries   |
| 6. This problem is not just       | f. modern slavery      |
| 7. solely the problem             | g. of forced marriages |
| 8. a quarter                      | h. refuse              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220915-modern-slavery-1.html>

(1) \_\_\_\_\_. The United Nations says about 50 million people (2) \_\_\_\_\_. They are in forced labour or marriages. The U.N. said one in 150 people in the world is enslaved. This (3) \_\_\_\_\_ 20 per cent in the (4) \_\_\_\_\_. It is growing because of coronavirus, climate change, and the cost (5) \_\_\_\_\_. These have made many people poor. They can only survive by working (6) \_\_\_\_\_ having an unwanted marriage.

The UN (7) \_\_\_\_\_ modern slavery by 2030. However, (8) \_\_\_\_\_ people in forced labour or forced marriage has increased. Slavery happens when people "cannot refuse or cannot (9) \_\_\_\_\_ threats". This problem is (10) \_\_\_\_\_ poor countries. The UN said: "It would be a mistake to believe that forced labour (11) \_\_\_\_\_ problem of poor countries." Over half of forced workers and (12) \_\_\_\_\_ forced marriages are in richer countries.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# SLAVERY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2209/220915-modern-slavery-4.html>

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

