

Multinational companies to hire 250,000 refugees

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The number of refugees is increasing around the world. Many people are fleeing their countries because of war; others because they are unsafe in their homeland. They all want to find a new life in a safe country. Multinational companies will help around 250,000 refugees. They will give

them a job. The companies made this offer on World Refugee Day. Adidas, Amazon, Pepsi and Starbucks are some of the more than 40 corporations who will help displaced people over the next three years. Kelly Clements, the U.N. Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, was happy about this news. She said: "The commitments that businesses are going to make are absolutely essential."

Kelly Clements said more than 110 million people have been displaced worldwide. Around 12 million of these are from Ukraine. More than 6.8 million have fled Syria and 5.7 million have left Afghanistan. Ms Kelly said: "Every number is a story of an individual family who left everything, seeking safety, seeking protection and wanting to be able to rebuild." An Amazon spokesperson explained why hiring refugees would benefit the company. He said: "This is good for us as a company because the opportunity to add diversity to our workforce will continue to make us a stronger company." He added that: "Diversity brings innovation, creativity and different [points of view]."

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Writing

More companies should take more responsibility and help refugees. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

refugees / the world / fleeing / war / homeland / multinational companies / essential / displaced / Ukraine / Syria / Afghanistan / Amazon / benefit / diversity / innovation

True / False

- 1) The article says there are more and more refugees in Europe. T / F
- 2) Refugees are looking for a better life in a safe country. T / F
- 3) More than 40 multinationals are offering jobs to refugees. T / F
- 4) The U.N. was not happy with what the companies have promised. T / F
- 5) There are about 12 million Ukrainians who have fled their country. T / F
- 6) There are more Afghan than Syrian refugees. T / F
- 7) Amazon said the diversity of refugees would help the company. T / F
- 8) Amazon said diversity brings creativity and diversity. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. increasing | a. secure |
| 2. fleeing | b. necessary |
| 3. safe | c. single |
| 4. corporations | d. variety |
| 5. essential | e. companies |
| 6. worldwide | f. going up |
| 7. individual | g. opinions |
| 8. seeking | h. globally |
| 9. diversity | i. escaping |
| 10. points of view | j. looking for |

Discussion – Student A

- a) Why are there so many refugees?
- b) How can we help the countries refugees are fleeing?
- c) What should we do on World Refugee Day?
- d) How safe do you feel in your country?
- e) How can multinational companies help refugees?
- f) Why are multinational companies helping refugees?
- g) How can you help refugees?
- h) When will there be no more refugees in the world?

Phrase Match

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| 1. The number of refugees | a. next three years |
| 2. Many people are fleeing | b. to our workforce |
| 3. they are unsafe | c. essential |
| 4. over the | d. displaced worldwide |
| 5. absolutely | e. their countries |
| 6. 110 million people have been | f. benefit the company |
| 7. Every number is a story of an | g. in their homeland |
| 8. hiring refugees would | h. innovation |
| 9. add diversity | i. is increasing |
| 10. diversity brings | j. individual family |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- How would you feel if you were displaced?
- What does your country do to help refugees?
- What should your country do to help refugees?
- What would you do if you were a refugee?
- What three adjectives best describe this story?
- How important is diversity?
- What questions would you like to ask a refugee?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

1. f	2. i	3. a	4. e	5. b
6. h	7. c	8. j	9. d	10. g

Role Play

Role A – Food

You think food is the thing people would miss most about leaving their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people wouldn't miss their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least "missable" of these (and why): neighbours, television or the countryside.

Role B – Neighbours

You think neighbours are the thing people would miss most about leaving their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people wouldn't miss their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least "missable" of these (and why): food, television or the countryside.

Role C – Television

You think television is the thing people would miss most about leaving their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people wouldn't miss their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least "missable" of these (and why): neighbours, food or the countryside.

Role D – The Countryside

You think the countryside is the thing people would miss most about leaving their country. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why people wouldn't miss their things as much. Also, tell the others which is the least "missable" of these (and why): neighbours, television or food.

Speaking – Felling

Rank these with your partner. Put the things you'd miss most about your country (if you were a refugee) at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • Food | • Language |
| • Shops | • Your job |
| • Television | • Countryside |
| • Neighbours | • Sport |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.