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Level 1 – 6th June 2024

Australia to allow foreign citizens into its army

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

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THE READING

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Americans will soon be able to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia needs more people to join its army. The government hopes that getting people from other countries will solve this problem. The ADF needs around 4,400 workers. Only Americans who are also permanent residents in Australia can apply. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said it was possible that in the future, people from more countries could join.

Mr Marles said Australia is growing the ADF "because it is essential to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and beyond". The Defence Ministry said: "Recruiting from a wider pool of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia." The opposition party disagreed with the policy. It said it showed the government has failed. It said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the confidence to sign up."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Australia needs more people | a. residents in Australia |
| 2. getting people from | b. could join |
| 3. solve this | c. other countries |
| 4. The ADF needs around | d. future |
| 5. permanent | e. to join its army |
| 6. Richard Marles said it was | f. 4,400 workers |
| 7. in the | g. possible |
| 8. people from more countries | h. problem |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. meet the nation's security | a. more |
| 2. through the next decade | b. challenges |
| 3. the ADF reflects | c. to sign up |
| 4. The opposition | d. with the policy |
| 5. disagreed | e. the full diversity |
| 6. it showed the government | f. and beyond |
| 7. We should be seeing | g. has failed |
| 8. the confidence | h. party |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Americans will soon be (1) _____ the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia (2) _____ to join its army. The government hopes that getting people from other countries will (3) _____. The ADF needs around 4,400 workers. Only Americans (4) _____ permanent residents in Australia can apply. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said (5) _____ that in the future, people from more (6) _____.

Mr Marles said Australia (7) _____ ADF "because it is (8) _____ the nation's security challenges through the next (9) _____". The Defence Ministry said: "Recruiting from (10) _____ of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia." The opposition party (11) _____ policy. It said it showed the government has failed. It said: "We should be seeing more Australians with (12) _____ sign up."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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JOINING THE ARMY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2406/240606-army-recruits-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about joining the army 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) _____

