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Level 0 – 12th December 2024

Millions of Syrian refugees ready to go home

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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Millions of Syrian refugees want to go home. They feel it is safe after Bashir al-Assad left the country. There are thousands of refugees in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon and other countries waiting to return. The U.N. says there are 5 million refugees in the Middle East. This includes two million school-aged children.

Many refugees spoke to journalists. One said: "I will return to Syria now. Thank God, the war is over." Another refugee said he waited for 14 years to return. He said: "The country is free. The barriers have been broken down." He wants Syrians to create a "well-organized" country that looks after its people.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Millions of | a. other countries |
| 2. They feel | b. East |
| 3. refugees | c. million refugees |
| 4. Jordan, Lebanon and | d. aged children |
| 5. waiting to | e. it is safe |
| 6. there are 5 | f. return |
| 7. the Middle | g. in Turkey |
| 8. two million school- | h. Syrian refugees |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Many refugees spoke | a. he waited |
| 2. I will return to | b. is over |
| 3. Thank | c. broken down |
| 4. the war | d. to journalists |
| 5. Another refugee said | e. free |
| 6. The country is | f. Syria now |
| 7. The barriers have been | g. country |
| 8. create a "well-organized" | h. God |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Millions of Syrian refugees (1) _____ home. They feel it (2) _____ Bashir al-Assad (3) _____. There are thousands of refugees in Turkey, Jordan, Lebanon (4) _____ waiting to return. The U.N. (5) _____ 5 million refugees in the Middle East. This (6) _____ school-aged children.

Many refugees (7) _____. One said: "I will return to Syria now. Thank God, (8) _____ over."

Another refugee (9) _____ for 14 years to return. He said: "The (10) _____. The barriers have been broken down." He wants Syrians

(11) _____ "well-organized" country that looks

(12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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REFUGEES SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about refugees 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) _____

