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The 4 page 60 minute ESL British English lesson – 15/09/15

## The EU Migrant Crisis gets worse

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### SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the EU migrant crisis. Go round the room swapping details with others.

### LISTENING – WRITING - DICTATION

The teacher will read some lines of the article slowly to the class.

### READING

Students should now read the article aloud, swapping readers every paragraph.

### SPEAKING - UNDERSTANDING

**1) The article** – Students check any unknown vocabulary or phrases with the teacher.

**2) The article** - Students should look through the article with the teacher.

- 1) What is the article about?
- 2) What do you think about the article?
- 3) Was this an easy or difficult article to understand?
- 4) Was this a boring or interesting article?
- 5) Discuss the article.
- 6) What's the latest on this subject?

**3) Article quiz** - Students quiz each other in pairs. Score a point for each correct answer. Score half a point each time you have to look at the article for help. See who can get the highest score!

#### Student A questions

- 1) Name three countries or continents the migrants are coming from.
- 2) Who is Victor Orbán?
- 3) Whose way of life is under threat?
- 4) Who bombed the Middle East?
- 5) What is it all about?

#### Student B questions

- 1) Who is Nigel Farage?
- 2) Sum up what Nigel Farage said.
- 3) Who is Mrs Merkel?
- 4) What have the Hungarians done?
- 5) Where are the migrants going? Why?

**Category: EU / Migrant Crisis / Current Affairs**  
**Level: Intermediate / Upper Intermediate**

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### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs.* On the board write as many words as you can about '**Migrants**'. *One-two minutes.* Compare with other teams. Using your words compile a short dialogue together.

### WRITING / SPEAKING

*In pairs* - Think of five challenges the migrants have to face coming to Germany or other EU countries. Write them below. Talk about them!

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) \_\_\_\_\_

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

*In pairs* - Student A is a reporter. Student B is a migrant on the Hungarian border. Student A is talking to Student B. 3 mins.

### SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 3

*In pairs* - Student A is a reporter. Student B is a migrant in Munich. Student A is talking to Student B. 3 mins.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student A questions

- 1) What is your position on the migrant crisis in Europe?
- 2) Why don't the migrants fly to Germany? It is cheaper surely?
- 3) Why has Hungary built the fence along its southern border with Serbia?
- 4) What European countries have now abandoned Schengen to reintroduce border crossings?
- 5) Is this the beginning of the end of the Schengen Zone in the EU? Explain!
- 6) Who is accountable for this migrant crisis?
- 7) Was Mrs Merkel right to open the floodgates to the migrants? Explain.
- 8) Will Croatia and Romania now build a fence along their Serbian borders?
- 9) Should the Eastern European countries in Europe be forced to accept migrants? Why? Explain.
- 10) During all of this, what happened to the Greek Crisis?

### SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 1

*In groups.* One of you is the interviewer. The others are one of the following people. You are in the *Discussion FM* radio studio in Brussels. Today's interview is about: *The EU Migrant Crisis.*

- 1) The German Chancellor.
- 2) THE EU President.
- 3) Nigel Farage (UKIP).
- 4) Victor Orbán.

*The teacher* will choose some groups to roleplay their interview in front of the class.

### SPEAKING - DISCUSSION

Allow 5-10 minutes – As a class.

<p><i>Discuss the following...</i></p> <p>The Migrant Crisis in Europe</p>
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*The teacher* can moderate the session.

### DISCUSSION

#### Student B questions

- 1) Why do the migrants all want to go to Germany?
- 2) Should Europe welcome the migrants? Explain.
- 3) What does your country think about the migrant crisis in Europe?
- 4) Will the EU fall apart because of this crisis? Explain.
- 5) How will the current situation with the migrants arriving en masse in the EU affect Britain voting to leave or stay in the EU next year?
- 6) Why is the EU putting pressure on EU countries to accept migrant quotas?
- 7) Should Britain, France, Russia, China and the USA take more migrants?
- 8) What will happen next in the EU migrant saga?
- 9) What advice would you offer any migrant coming to Europe?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

## GAP FILL: READING

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**border / refugees / migrants / crisis / illegally / fence / stop / worse**

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**oil / equally / disastrous / exodus / initially / mosques / floodgates / regime**

## GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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**its / any / the / and / a / of / on / at**

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**that / their / they / what / with / them / also / for**

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### GAP FILL: LISTENING

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### WRITING/SPELLING

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**1) On the board - In pairs/As a class**, list 20 things about: **Migrants coming to Europe**. *One-two minutes. Talk about each of them.*

**2) Sentence starters - Finish these sentence starters.** Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- 1) The migrants \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) The EU \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) The crisis \_\_\_\_\_

**3) Write down 50 words about: *The EU Migrant Crisis gets worse*.** Your words can be read out in class.

**4) Homework - Write and send a 200 word email to your teacher about: *The EU Migrant Crisis gets worse*.** Your email can be read out in class.

#### SPELLING

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article. Afterwards check your answers.

- 1) migrant
- 2) crisis
- 3) Schengen
- 4) exodus
- 5) Afghanistan
- 6) Syria
- 7) Hungarians
- 8) Serbia
- 9) refugees
- 10) via

#### SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

**Pass = 12**  
**Good = 15**  
**Very good = 18**  
**Excellent = 20**

- 11) Chancellor
- 12) floodgates
- 13) Muslims
- 14) countries
- 15) threat
- 16) initially
- 17) disastrous
- 18) regime
- 19) remember
- 20) biblical

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