

Migration crisis in Europe at breaking point

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Meanwhile Holland now wants a referendum on staying in the EU. Hungary will have a referendum on whether to accept migrant quotas...

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SPEAKING – WARM UP

Think of three things you know about the migration crisis in Europe. 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.

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) What does Holland want to do?
- 2) Where is Vienna?
- 3) Name three countries.
- 4) How many migrants a day can claim asylum in Austria?
- 5) What is the Calais Jungle?

Student B questions

- 1) What is happening along the Greece Macedonian border?
- 2) What is happening on June 23rd?
- 3) Name the Hungarian president.
- 4) Who is furious about what?
- 5) Explain the term 'domino effect'.

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WRITING / SPEAKING

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

WRITING / SPEAKING

In pairs – think of three key points about the migration crisis. Write them below. Discuss!

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

Add three solutions to the crisis. Discuss!

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 1

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is a migrant. You are in Greece by the Macedonian border. The Student A talks to student B. 3 mins.

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 2

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is the Hungarian president. The subject is the migration crisis. 3 mins.

DISCUSSION

Student A questions

- 1) What do you think about what you've read?
- 2) What is the solution to the migration crisis in Europe?
- 3) Do building barbed wire fences solve anything? Explain.
- 4) Where will the people who are in the Calais Jungle go?
- 5) Would you like to be a migrant? Explain.
- 6) If the migration issue and the Brexit issue are not solved will the EU start to rapidly fall apart?
- 7) What will happen to the euro and the British pound?
- 8) What should the Greek government do?
- 9) How would you feel if you were a migrant stuck on the Greek side of the border with Macedonia?
- 10) Have you learnt anything in today's English lesson?

SPEAKING – ROLEPLAY 4

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 London. Today's interview is about: *Migration in Europe at breaking point.*

- 1) Someone from Slovakia/Hungary.
- 2) Someone from Syria.
- 3) A representative from the European Commission.
- 4) A Greek government spokesperson.

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

SPEAKING - ROLEPLAY 4

In pairs - Student A is a journalist. Student B is the leader of the EU. The subject is the migration crisis. 3 mins.

SPEAKING - PRESENTATION

Allow 10-15 minutes – As a class.

Prepare a 3-5 minute presentation on

Migration crisis in Europe at breaking point *(Google it if necessary!)*

The teacher can moderate the session.

DISCUSSION

Student B questions

- 1) Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- 2) Why are the East European countries and Balkan countries acting on their own initiative rather than following instructions from Brussels?
- 3) Why has the German Chancellor allowed so many migrants into Germany?
- 4) Is Europe becoming a Muslim continent?
- 5) Why is there a split between those in Brussels and those in Eastern Europe?
- 6) Where should the migrants go?
- 7) Why has the EU failed to solve the migrant issue?
- 8) Why are the migrants only going to Europe? Why don't they go to Russia, the Middle East, Africa, or Asia?
- 9) Will the UK leave the EU simply because of the migration issue?
- 10) Did you like this discussion?

GAP FILL: READING

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peninsular / migrant / border / crisis / solve / limit / fence / solutions

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hastily / board / endure / onward / defiance / barbed wire / collapse / illegally

GAP FILL: GRAMMAR

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GAP FILL: LISTENING

ARTICLE – continued from page 1

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...from the EU or not – its President Victor Orbán said the Hungarian people will decide - not the unelected bureaucrats in Brussels. (EU leaders hate journalists saying that they are *bureaucrats*!).

The Schengen countries have given notice to Greece that unless they improve their borders with Turkey they will be excluded from the Schengen zone in three months. Going on current events this date maybe a lot sooner.

Meanwhile a huge humanitarian crisis is building in Greece. Migrants amass along the Macedonian borders that are now closed for the majority who are waiting to cross. The Greek Prime Minister is furious with events. There is trouble ahead...

Lastly many Britons fear Germany will simply give the migrants German citizenship so that they can then legally enter the UK as an EU citizen. Many in Britain now want to leave the EU. There is a referendum coming on June 23rd!

SPELLING

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

- 1) migration
- 2) solutions
- 3) peninsular
- 4) barbed wire
- 5) domino
- 6) mess
- 7) referendum
- 8) quotas
- 9) meanwhile
- 10) whether

SPELLING

Use the following ratings:

Pass = 12

Good = 15

Very good = 18

Excellent = 20

- 11) bureaucrats
- 12) journalists
- 13) notice
- 14) improve
- 15) humanitarian
- 16) legally
- 17) majority
- 18) endure
- 19) solve
- 20) onward

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