

WORLD REFUGEE DAY

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

June 20 is World Refugee Day. The United Nations General Assembly decided to create this day in 2000. It marks the 50th anniversary of the international convention relating to the status of refugees. The day is also Africa Refugee Day. A different theme is chosen each year to raise awareness of the difficulties refugees face. The United Nations refugee agency is the UNHCR – the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. It coordinates events worldwide to protect refugees and improve their lives in their countries of refuge. The UNHCR also provides legal assistance to refugees to try and give them legal status in other countries. Another function of the UNHCR is to help refugees return to their home countries.

A refugee is a person who flees from their home country to escape danger. Some refugees are escaping disasters like war and famine. Others are political refugees, who are in danger of being attacked or killed by their own government. Once a person becomes a refugee, he or she seeks asylum in their country of refuge. The largest group of refugees are the 4.5 million Palestinians, who live in refugee camps in Gaza, the West Bank and surrounding areas. Most of the world's newer refugees come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar and Sudan. The issue of refugee status has become very complex in recent years. Globalization has made it easier for people to cross borders. It is often unclear whether someone is a refugee or an economic migrant.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. It marks the | a. status in other countries |
| 2. A different theme is | b. events worldwide |
| 3. It coordinates | c. to their home countries |
| 4. in their countries | d. 50th anniversary |
| 5. give them legal | e. chosen each year |
| 6. help refugees return | f. of refuge |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. A refugee is a person who flees | a. attacked |
| 2. escaping disasters like | b. become very complex |
| 3. in danger of being | c. economic migrant |
| 4. he or she seeks | d. from their home country |
| 5. The issue of refugee status has | e. asylum |
| 6. someone is a refugee or an | f. war and famine |

LISTENING GAP FILL

June 20 is World Refugee Day. The United Nations General Assembly decided _____ in 2000. It marks the 50th anniversary of the international convention relating _____ refugees. The day is also Africa Refugee Day. A different theme is _____ raise awareness of the difficulties refugees face. The United Nations refugee agency is the UNHCR – the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. It coordinates events worldwide _____ and improve their lives in their countries of refuge. The UNHCR also provides legal assistance to refugees to try and give _____ in other countries. Another _____ is to help refugees return to their home countries.

A refugee is a person _____ home country to escape danger. Some refugees are escaping disasters _____. Others are political refugees, who are in danger of being attacked or killed by their own government. Once _____ refugee, he or she seeks asylum in their country of refuge. The largest group of refugees are the 4.5 million Palestinians, who _____ in Gaza, the West Bank and surrounding areas. Most of the world's newer refugees come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar and Sudan. The _____ has become very complex in recent years. Globalization has made it easier for _____. It is often unclear whether someone is a refugee or an economic migrant.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

June 20 is World Refugee Day. The United Nations General Assembly decided to _____ this day in 2000. It marks the 50th anniversary of the international convention relating to the _____ of refugees. The day is also Africa Refugee Day. A different theme is chosen each year to _____ awareness of the difficulties refugees face. The United Nations refugee _____ is the UNHCR – the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. It coordinates events worldwide to protect refugees and _____ their lives in their countries of _____. The UNHCR also provides legal assistance to refugees to try and give them _____ status in other countries. Another function of the UNHCR is to help refugees _____ to their home countries.

status
legal
improve
raise
create
return
refuge
agency

A refugee is a person who _____ from their home country to escape danger. Some refugees are escaping disasters like war and _____. Others are political refugees, who are in danger of being attacked or killed by their _____ government. Once a person becomes a refugee, he or she seeks _____ in their country of refuge. The largest group of refugees are the 4.5 million Palestinians, who live in refugee _____ in Gaza, the West Bank and surrounding areas. Most of the world's newer refugees come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar and Sudan. The _____ of refugee status has become very complex in recent years. Globalization has made it easier for people to _____ borders. It is often unclear whether someone is a refugee or an economic _____.

famine
asylum
cross
own
issue
migrant
flees
camps

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

June 20 is World Refugee Day. The United Nations General Assembly decided to *creative / create* this day in 2000. It marks the 50th anniversary of the international convention *relation / relating* to the status of refugees. The day is also Africa Refugee Day. A different theme is *choosing / chosen* each year to raise awareness *by / of* the difficulties refugees face. The United Nations *refugees / refugee* agency is the UNHCR – the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. It coordinates events worldwide to protect refugees and improve their lives in their countries *of / with* refuge. The UNHCR also provides legal assistance to refugees to try and give them *legal / legality* status in other countries. Another function of the UNHCR is to help refugees return to their *home / homes* countries.

A refugee is a person who *flees / fleas* from their home country to escape danger. Some refugees are escaping disasters like war and famine. Others are *politically / political* refugees, who are in *danger for / of* being attacked or killed by their own government. Once a person becomes a refugee, he or she *seeks / searches* asylum in their country of refuge. The largest group of refugees are the 4.5 million Palestinians, who live *in / at* refugee camps in Gaza, the West Bank and *surrounding / surround* areas. Most of the world's newer refugees come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar and Sudan. The issue *by / of* refugee status has become very complex in recent years. Globalization has made *it / them* easier for people to cross borders. It is often unclear whether someone is a refugee or an *economy / economic* migrant.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

June 20 is World Refugee Day. The United Nations General Assembly decided to (1) _____ this day in 2000. It (2) _____ the 50th anniversary of the international convention relating to the status of refugees. The day is also Africa Refugee Day. A different theme is (3) _____ each year to raise awareness of the difficulties refugees (4) _____. The United Nations refugee agency is the UNHCR – the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. It coordinates events worldwide to protect refugees and improve their lives in their countries of (5) _____. The UNHCR also provides legal assistance to refugees to try and give them legal status in other countries. Another function (6) _____ the UNHCR is to help refugees return to their home countries.

A refugee is a person who (7) _____ from their home country to escape danger. Some refugees are escaping disasters like war and famine. Others are political refugees, who are (8) _____ danger of being attacked or killed by their own government. Once a person becomes a refugee, he or she seeks asylum in their country of refuge. The largest group of refugees are the 4.5 million Palestinians, who live in refugee (9) _____ in Gaza, the West Bank and (10) _____ areas. Most of the world's newer refugees come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar and Sudan. The (11) _____ of refugee status has become very complex in recent years. Globalization has made it easier for people to cross borders. It is often unclear whether someone is a refugee or an (12) _____ migrant.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) create | (b) creation | (c) creative | (d) created |
| 2. | (a) markings | (b) markets | (c) marks | (d) markers |
| 3. | (a) choosing | (b) chosen | (c) choice | (d) chose |
| 4. | (a) pace | (b) race | (c) lace | (d) face |
| 5. | (a) refuse | (b) refuge | (c) refute | (d) refuel |
| 6. | (a) with | (b) by | (c) at | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) flees | (b) freeze | (c) fleas | (d) frees |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) in | (c) at | (d) to |
| 9. | (a) campsites | (b) camping | (c) camps | (d) campers |
| 10. | (a) surrounds | (b) surround | (c) surrounded | (d) surrounding |
| 11. | (a) issue | (b) issuer | (c) issued | (d) issuance |
| 12. | (a) economical | (b) economics | (c) economic | (d) economy |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. It rsmka the 50th anniversary
2. the suatts of refugees
3. A different theme is ceonsh
4. vpoimre their lives
5. provides laegl assistance
6. errnut to their home countries

Paragraph 2

7. escape nregda
8. escaping idrseatss
9. in adrenq of being attacked
10. refugee pscma
11. ercnet years
12. an ncoocime migrant

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () awareness of the difficulties refugees face. The United Nations refugee agency is the UNHCR – the United Nations
- () A refugee is a person who flees from their home country to escape danger. Some refugees are escaping disasters
- () status in other countries. Another function of the UNHCR is to help refugees return to their home countries.
- () lives in their countries of refuge. The UNHCR also provides legal assistance to refugees to try and give them legal
- () government. Once a person becomes a refugee, he or she seeks asylum in their country of refuge. The largest group of
- () High Commissioner for Refugees. It coordinates events worldwide to protect refugees and improve their
- () like war and famine. Others are political refugees, who are in danger of being attacked or killed by their own
- () refugees are the 4.5 million Palestinians, who live in refugee camps in Gaza, the West Bank and surrounding
- (**1**) June 20 is World Refugee Day. The United Nations General Assembly decided to create this day in
- () 2000. It marks the 50th anniversary of the international convention relating to the status of
- () of refugee status has become very complex in recent years. Globalization has made it easier
- () refugees. The day is also Africa Refugee Day. A different theme is chosen each year to raise
- () areas. Most of the world’s newer refugees come from Afghanistan, Iraq, Myanmar and Sudan. The issue
- () for people to cross borders. It is often unclear whether someone is a refugee or an economic migrant.

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. It 50th marks anniversary the

2. awareness theme each raise different chosen to A is year

3. refugees coordinates worldwide protect It events to

4. also UNHCR The refugees to assistance legal provides

5. refugees to home Help return their countries

6. is a person who flees from their home country A refugee

7. like disasters escaping are Refugees famine and war

8. In of attacked killed danger being or

9. become of very refugee complex status The has issue

10. refugee whether It someone is is often a unclear

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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THE WORLD REFUGEE DAY SURVEY

Write five questions about World Refugee Day in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find more information about World Refugee Day. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about World Refugee Day. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about World Refugee Day. Write about will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.