## Multinational companies to hire 250,000 refugees

The number of refugees is increasing around the world. Many peopleare fleeing their countries because of war; others because they are unsafe in their homeland. They all want to find a new life in a safe country. Multinational companies will help around 250,000 refugees.

They will give them a job. The companies made this offer on World Refugee Day. Adidas, Amazon, Pepsi and Starbucks are some of the morethan 40 corporations who will help displaced people over the next three years. Kelly Clements, the U.N. Deputy High Commissioner for Refugees, was happy about this news. She said: "The commitments that businessesare going to make are absolutely essential."

Kelly Clements said more than 110 million people have been displacedworldwide. Around 12 million of these are from Ukraine. More than 6.8 million have fled Syria and 5.7 million have left Afghanistan. Ms Kelly said: "Every number is a story of an individual family who left everything,seeking safety, seeking protection and wanting to be able to rebuild." An Amazon spokesperson explained why hiring refugees would benefit the company. He said: "This is good for us as a company because the opportunity to add diversity to our workforce will continue to make us a stronger company." He added that: "Diversity brings innovation, creativity and different [points of view]."

## VOCABULARY MATCHING

**Paragraph 1**

**1.** fleeing ☐

**2.** war ☐

**3.** offer ☐

**4.** corporation ☐

**5.** displaced ☐

**6.** commitment ☐

**7.** essential ☐

**a.** Giving 100% of your effort to a cause, activity, plan, etc.

**b.** A situation in which different countries or different groups in a country are fighting each other.

**c.** A large company.

**d.** Running away from a place or situation of danger.

**e.** Very, very, very important.

**f.** Present something for someone to say yes or no to accept.

**g.** Forced to leave one's home because of war, a lack of safety, or natural disaster.

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**Paragraph 2**

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| **8.** | individual ☐ | **h.** A positive thing you get from something or from doing something. |
| **9.** | seeking ☐ | **i.** The action of keeping something or someone safe. |
| **10.** | protection ☐ | **j.** The action or process of creating new ideas and products. |
| **11.** | benefit ☐ | **k.** Single; separate. |
| **12.** | diversity ☐ | **l.** Looking for. |
| **13.** | innovation ☐ | **m.** A way of thinking. |
| **14.** | point of view ☐ | **n.** The state of having many differences. |

## 1. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| **1. increasing** ☐ | **a.** secure |
| **2. fleeing** ☐ | **b.** necessary |
| **3. safe** ☐ | **c.** single |
| **4. corporations** ☐ | **d.** variety |
| **5. essential** ☐ | **e.** companies |
| **6. worldwide** ☐ | **f.** going up |
| **7. individual** ☐ | **g.** opinions |
| **8. seeking** ☐ | **h.** globally |
| **9. diversity** ☐ | **i.** escaping |
| **10. points of view** ☐ | **j.** looking for |

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