

Multinational companies to hire 250,000 refugees

The number of refugees is increasing around the world. Many people are 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 more than 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 businesses are going to make are absolutely essential."

Kelly Clements said more than 110 million people have been displaced worldwide. 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

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| 1. fleeing <input type="checkbox"/> | a. Giving 100% of your effort to a cause, activity, plan, etc. |
| 2. war <input type="checkbox"/> | b. A situation in which different countries or different groups in a country are fighting each other. |
| 3. offer <input type="checkbox"/> | c. A large company. |
| 4. corporation <input type="checkbox"/> | d. Running away from a place or situation of danger. |
| 5. displaced <input type="checkbox"/> | e. Very, very, very important. |
| 6. commitment <input type="checkbox"/> | f. Present something for someone to say yes or no to accept. |
| 7. essential <input type="checkbox"/> | g. Forced to leave one's home because of war, a lack of safety, or natural disaster. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. | individual | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. | A positive thing you get from something or from doing something. |
| 9. | seeking | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. | The action of keeping something or someone safe. |
| 10. | protection | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. | The action or process of creating new ideas and products. |
| 11. | benefit | <input type="checkbox"/> | k. | Single; separate. |
| 12. | diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> | l. | Looking for. |
| 13. | innovation | <input type="checkbox"/> | m. | A way of thinking. |
| 14. | point of view | <input type="checkbox"/> | 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 | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. secure |
| 2. fleeing | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. necessary |
| 3. safe | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. single |
| 4. corporations | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. variety |
| 5. essential | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. companies |
| 6. worldwide | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. going up |
| 7. individual | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. opinions |
| 8. seeking | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. globally |
| 9. diversity | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. escaping |
| 10. points of view | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. looking for |

