

Rank some of the issues immigrants face during caravans from 1 to 8

- Lack of food
- Lack of water
- Intimidation
- Stress
- Homesickness
- Safety
- Blisters
- Fatigue



VOCABULARY

Paragraph 1

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| 1. embarking | a. | The state of being without or not having enough of something. |
| 2. fleeing | b. | Beginning a course of action or journey, especially one that is important. |
| 3. battling | c. | Fighting or struggling to achieve or resist something. |
| 4. lack | d. | Great in scale or nature. |
| 5. exhaustion | e. | Expelled a foreigner from a country, typically on the grounds of illegal status or for having committed a crime. |
| 6. epic | f. | Running away from a place or situation of danger. |
| 7. deported | g. | A state of extreme physical or mental tiredness. |

Paragraph 2

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| 8. stick | h. | Discourage someone from doing something by making them doubtful or making them fear the consequences. |
| 9. asylum | i. | Made a big promise to do a specified thing. |
| 10. zero-tolerance | j. | Relating to or characteristic of soldiers or armed forces. |
| 11. deter | k. | The refusal to accept anti-social behavior, typically by strict and uncompromising application of the law. |
| 12. outcry | l. | A strong expression of public disapproval or anger. |
| 13. military | m. | Stay firm to a commitment, belief, or rule. |
| 14. vowed | n. | The protection given by a nation to someone who has left their native country as a political refugee. |

- a. epic
- b. embarking
- c. river
- d. desperate
- e. mainly
- f. illegally
- g. lack
- h. violence

A caravan of more than 7,000 migrants is (1) _____ on a thousand-kilometre journey through Mexico, aiming for the border with the USA. The migrants are (2) _____ from Honduras and are hoping to find a better life in the U.S. Parents with young children are fleeing (3) _____ and a lack of job opportunities in their home countries. A reporter described the caravan as being "a (4) _____ of people". They are battling hot weather, a (5) _____ of food and exhaustion in their (6) _____ flight. The Washington Post reported that there were many in the caravan who were recently deported from the U.S. after having lived there (7) _____ for decades. They are (8) _____ to be reunited with their children still living in the U.S.

- a. outcry
- b. asylum
- c. heading
- d. policy
- e. vowed
- f. border
- g. stick
- h. military

The U.S. government has made it clear that it will (9) _____ to the law regarding any applications for (10) _____. It will turn away all migrants who don't apply for asylum in Mexico first. There has been a "zero-tolerance" (11) _____ towards migrants to deter people from attempting to enter the country illegally. There was public (12) _____ earlier this year after U.S. authorities separated migrant children from their parents at the (13) _____. U.S. President Donald Trump tweeted: "Sadly, it looks like Mexico's police and (14) _____ are unable to stop the caravan (15) _____ to...the United States. Criminals and unknown Middle Easterners are mixed in." He has (16) _____ to reduce or cut off foreign aid to Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.



Scan the article and find the answers to the questions

1. How many people are in the migrant caravan?
2. Which country are the migrants largely from?
3. What are the migrants fleeing from a lack of in their home countries?
4. Who do some migrants want to be reunited with?
5. What kind of policy does the USA have towards migrants?
6. Who did Donald Trump say were unable to stop the caravan?
7. What did Donald Trump say he would cut off?

Expressions to agree and disagree

DISAGREEING

Don't you think that ...
I can see both sides of the argument, but ...
I'm afraid that doesn't work for me.
That's not exactly how I look at it.
I understand where you are coming from, however ...
If you look at it from my point of view...

AGREEING

You have a strong point there.
I think we can both agree that ...

Immigration makes countries more interesting and helps people become more tolerant.

Everybody should be able to live where they choose. Freedom of movement is a civil right.

In an ideal world nobody would need to emigrate.

Immigration is one of the biggest problems of our time.

People can not be 'illegal'.

There should be more help available to immigrants to adapt to their new country.