

Refugees Quiz

Here is a quiz to find out about issues of refugees globally and within Europe.

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Test your knowledge of refugees with this quiz

1. Select the correct answers to this statement: A refugee is someone who has left their country of nationality because...
 - a) They are at risk of persecution for membership of a particular social group or political opinion
 - b) They are not happy with their wages, they can't buy a new mobile phone or have holidays
 - c) They have a well-founded fear for not returning to their country
 - d) They are at risk of persecution for reasons of their race, religion and/or nationality

Answer: a, c and d

The definition of a refugee is a person who is outside of their country of nationality and who has successfully claimed asylum because they have “a well-founded fear of being persecuted” if they go back to that country (The 1951 United Nations Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees). Financial challenges or lifestyle are not a basis for seeking asylum. If someone has moved to another country to find work they would be classed as an ‘economic migrant’, not a refugee.

2. What does the term ‘asylum’ mean as an overall definition?
 - a) A place for women and their children to stay who have been forced to leave their house due to violence against their family
 - b) A place where people can stay away from danger
 - c) A place where people can stay after being acquitted following a court hearing

Answer: b

According to the Cambridge Dictionary definition ‘asylum’ means “when someone is allowed to stay somewhere because they are escaping danger in another country.”

Source: <http://dictionary.cambridge.org/>

3. What is the difference between a refugee and an asylum seeker?
 - a) A refugee is a person who crossed the border of a European country
 - b) There is no difference
 - c) An asylum seeker is someone seeking to be recognized as a refugee

Answer: c

An asylum seeker is someone seeking status as a refugee in a host country, but who has not yet been legally recognised as a refugee. In order to be recognized as a refugee, a person has to be outside of their country of nationality when they apply to be legally accepted as a refugee and this must be due to their “well founded fear of being persecuted” if they return.

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/uk/asylum-seekers.html>

4. What does ‘displaced person’ mean?

- a) A person that has moved from a studio flat to large home
- b) It is the common term used to describe refugees, asylum seekers and internally displaced persons
- c) It is the term used to define people who live outside of their country of nationality

Answer: b

A displaced person (sometimes abbreviated DP) is a person who has been forced to leave his or her home or place of habitual residence. According to the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR), there were 65.3 million forcibly displaced people worldwide at the end of 2015, the highest level since World War 2, from this figure, 21.3 million were refugees, 3.2 million were asylum seekers and 40.8 million were internally displaced persons.

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/unhcrstats/576408cd7/unhcr-global-trends-2015.html>

5. What has happened to the number of refugees globally over the last few years?

- a) Stayed the same
- b) Decreased
- c) Increased
- d) Increased by a significant amount

Answer: d

Global forced displacement has increased in 2015, with record-high numbers. By the end of the year, 65.3 million individuals were forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict, generalized violence, or human rights violations. This is 5.8 million more than the previous year (59.5 million).

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/unhcrstats/576408cd7/unhcr-global-trends-2015.html>

6. What are the main reasons for the large increase in the number of refugees globally?

- a) War and conflict
- b) Political persecution
- c) Economic crisis
- d) Climate change

Answer: a

Overall it is hard to calculate the biggest cause of people becoming refugees. Each individual person's case is different, and the causes may be complex. However the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) say the rise in the number of displaced people globally over recent years has been driven by increasing war and conflict, for example in countries such as Syria, Somalia and Afghanistan.

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/558193896.html>

7. Which countries have accepted the most refugees globally?

- a) Turkey, Pakistan, Lebanon
- b) Germany, UK, Greece
- c) United States, Canada, Australia

Answer: a

In 2015 Turkey had accepted the highest number of refugees globally (2.5 million), followed by Pakistan (1.6 million), then Lebanon (1.1 million) and Iran (979,400). Countries closest to conflict areas generally accept most refugees – so the biggest refugee crises are generally in poorer countries, not in Europe.

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/unhcrstats/576408cd7/unhcr-global-trends-2015.html>

8. The image below shows a mother standing with her handbag who is a refugee from Damascus in Syria. What do you think is in her bag?



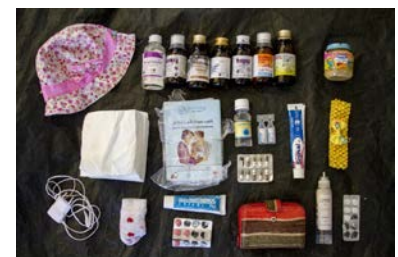
- a) Medicine and toiletries
- b) Clothes and diapers for her child
- c) Answers a) and b)

Answer: c

Aboessa is mother of her 10 month old daughter. In her bag you can find the hat of her baby, cell phone charger, an assortment of medication, a small supply of napkins for diaper changes, assortment of pain relievers, sunscreen and sunburn ointment, toothpaste.

Source: Materials of IRC: <https://medium.com/uprooted/what-s-in-my-bag-758d435f6e62#.a1fneyl93>

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9. What are the main reasons for people crossing the Mediterranean to reach Europe? (Select one answer)

- a) To get a better job
- b) To visit family
- c) To flee war, conflict and persecution
- d) To claim benefits

Answer: c

According to the UN Refugee Agency a 'large majority' of people crossing the Mediterranean Sea into Europe during in the first six months of 2015 were 'fleeing from war, conflict and persecution'. Therefore the majority would be refugees. The main countries of origin are Syria (one third), Afghanistan and Somalia. Conflict and persecution are currently high in these countries.

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/uk/news/latest/2015/12/5683d0b56/million-sea-arrivals-reach-europe-2015.html>

10. Who are the largest group of refugees?

- a) Men
- b) Women
- c) Children

Answer: a

According to the UN Refugee Agency men constitute 75% of the total refugee population, the next are children (13%) and women (12%).

Source: <http://www.unhcr.org/statistics/unhcrstats/576408cd7/unhcr-global-trends-2015.html>

11. There are costs and benefits for countries hosting refugees?

- a) True
- b) False

Answer: a

While it is very hard to work out the exact costs and benefits of refugees for a host country it is clear that there are both. Refugees can make very positive contributions to society: Einstein and Anne Frank and Rita Ora were refugees, and when integrated into society refugees will get jobs and often pay more in taxes than they cost initially to house and look after.

More information on positive contributions by refugees:

<http://www.hias.org/sites/default/files/clevelandrefugeeeconomic-impact.pdf>