



ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION REACHES CRISIS POINT



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Warm up

Discuss the questions in pairs or small groups.

1. Is there a lot of illegal immigration into your country?
2. Are you aware of any laws that are designed to protect illegal immigrants?
3. Do you think people should be able to move freely between countries?





2 Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Add the following words to the gaps in the definitions.

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1. trafficking (n) - the act of dealing or trading in something _____
2. intercept (v) - stop and _____ something before it is able to reach particular place
3. sovereignty (n) - the power of a country to _____ its own government
4. disembark (v) - _____ a ship, aircraft, etc. after a journey
5. robust (adj.) - strong and _____ to break or fail
6. gendarmerie (n) - a police _____ that is part of the armed forces in France
7. perilous (adj.) - full of _____ or risk

Part B: Now complete the sentences with appropriate words from Part A. You may need to change the form of the word.

1. You will need a _____ box to carry all of those books.
2. They had to overcome a lot of difficulties during the _____ journey.
3. Critics of the European court say it has reduced the UK's _____.
4. Make sure you don't fall when you _____, the ground is very wet.
5. The _____ had orders to arrest everyone at the protest.
6. He was sent to prison for drug _____ in Eastern Europe.
7. The traffic police _____ the speeding driver before he joined the motorway.

Part C: Personalise the vocabulary: share your opinions with your classmates using the questions below.

1. Have you ever been in a perilous situation?
2. How can a country protect its sovereignty?
3. Why might it be difficult to intercept illegal immigrants before they arrive?
4. Does your country have a robust economy at the moment?



3 Understanding the main idea

You are going to watch a report about a new agreement that is designed to reduce the number of illegal immigrants entering the UK from France. Write what the items below relate to.



1. 40,000

2. 40%

3. 11,000

4 Listening for comprehension

Listen to the report again. Answer the questions true (T), false (F), or not given (NG).

1. The English Channel is between Albania and the UK. _____
2. Hundreds of illegal crossing attempts have been stopped from France since the start of the year. _____
3. Suella Braverman believes that coordinating efforts with the French is essential. _____
4. Illegal immigrants often try to cross the Channel many times before they are successful. _____
5. British officers working on the ground in France is unprecedented. _____
6. The UK has invested in technology designed to find people. _____
7. French immigrants often abuse non-slavery laws. _____
8. There were far fewer immigrants from Albania in previous years. _____





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Focus on vocabulary

Part A: Match the words to the definitions.

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| 1. <u>asylum</u> seeker (n) | a. make someone return for trial to a different country where they have been accused of doing something illegal |
| 2. <u>flashpoint</u> (n) | b. the crime of killing a person when the killer did not intend to do it or cannot be responsible for their actions |
| 3. <u>extradite</u> (v) | c. having legal responsibility for something or someone |
| 4. <u>detention</u> (n) | d. someone who leaves their own country, often for political reasons, and travels to another country hoping that the government will protect them |
| 5. <u>manslaughter</u> (n) | e. very bad and shocking |
| 6. <u>liable</u> (adj.) | f. a critical point or stage at which something suddenly causes or creates some significant action |
| 7. <u>remand</u> (v) | g. send someone accused of committing a crime away from court until their trial begins |
| 8. <u>heinous</u> (adj.) | h. the act of officially forcing someone to stay in a place |

Part B: Using the vocabulary from part A, complete the following sentences. You may need to change the form of the word.

1. The court decided he could not be held _____ for his wife's debts.
2. The crime was judged to be _____ as she didn't mean to kill him.
3. He was caught at an airport in Spain. He is expected to be _____ to the UK.
4. The _____ was Wednesday's big protest in the city centre.
5. He was _____ in custody and will appear in court tomorrow.
6. He received a long sentence because of the _____ nature of the crime.
7. There are more than 500 _____ waiting to have their cases heard.
8. The Tower of London was used as a place of _____ for important prisoners.



Part C: Now in pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Have you ever heard of any famous cases of manslaughter?
2. Why do you think people are extradited instead of going to court in the country they are arrested?
3. What is the most heinous crime you have ever heard of?
4. Where is there a political flashpoint at the moment?

6**Skimming for gist**

You are going to read an article about the deaths of illegal immigrants (page six). Look at the following extracts from the article and decide which gaps they should go in.

- Critics have claimed the situation at Manston is a violation of legal requirements in international law and domestic law.
- Equally, the government is keen to be seen as taking a hard line.
- The victims' bodies were discovered in a lorry trailer that had been transported by ferry from Belgium to the UK.
- However, Hughes and Nica recently asked for the right to challenge their sentences.
- In another case where an asylum seeker was unlawfully deported, his detention was also held to be unlawful.





Man charged over deaths of 39 illegal immigrants

Legal challenge over conditions in immigration centre

- A. A man has appeared in court accused of manslaughter and being part of the conspiracy that led to the deaths of 39 Vietnamese nationals found in a lorry in Essex. _____¹ Marius Mihai Dragici, 49, who was arrested in August by police in Romania, appeared at Chelmsford magistrates court on Saturday accused of being involved in the incident. He was extradited to the UK following the execution of a European Arrest Warrant and now faces 39 counts of manslaughter and conspiracy to assist unlawful immigration. He was remanded in custody until 28 November, when he will appear at the Old Bailey.
- B. Dragici is the 19th person to be arrested in connection with the heinous crime. Previously, the ring leaders, Ronan Hughes and Gheorghe Nica, were jailed for 20 and 27 years respectively. During their sentencing, the Old Bailey heard that migrants would board lorries at a remote location on the continent to be transported to Britain, where they would be picked up by a fleet of smaller vehicles organised by Nica for transfer to a safe house until payment was received. _____². Three senior judges at the Court of Appeal dismissed their cases. Dame Victoria Sharp, sitting with Mrs Justice Cutts and Sir Nigel Davis, denied both men permission to bring their appeals. "We are satisfied that Nica's conviction is safe," Dame Victoria concluded. The judge said the 39 victims had an "excruciatingly painful death".
- C. The incident sent shockwaves around the UK, but the country remains divided on how to deal with a problem that shows no signs of abating. Earlier this month, an asylum seeker being detained at the Manston holding facility declared she was taking legal action against the Home Secretary, Suella Braverman. Braverman has denied ignoring legal advice about conditions at the centre, which is meant for a maximum of 1,600 people but is currently holding more than 4,000 and has had outbreaks of norovirus, scabies and diphtheria. The facility has become a flashpoint for criticism of the government's current and past policies, and treatment of asylum seekers in general. _____³ The centre is intended to accommodate people for a few days, but some people have been held there for months. The legal action against the Home Office asks Braverman to declare that anyone held at the centre for longer than 24 hours has been unlawfully detained. This is because, after 24 hours, people are supposed to be given reasons in writing for their detention.
- D. Additionally, the European Convention on Human Rights, part of UK law under the Human Rights Act 1998, says that detention must be proportionate to the objective - such as imminent deportation. In Manston, there are particular concerns about the holding of children, including unaccompanied children, for whom there is a special duty of care under the Borders, Citizenship and Immigration Act 2009. In a 2019 case, the Supreme Court found the Home Office liable to pay asylum seekers damages for false imprisonment when they were unlawfully detained for periods of between five and 16 weeks. _____⁴
- E. A spokesperson for Britain's Home Office, the government department responsible for immigration, crime and policing, said the number of arrivals via small boats was putting the asylum system under "incredible pressure". _____⁵ The policing minister, Chris Philp, ruffled a few feathers earlier this month when he said, "If people choose to enter a country illegally, and unnecessarily, it's a bit of a cheek to then start complaining about the conditions."

Sources: Reuters, BBC, Sky News

Glossary:

norovirus - a very contagious virus that causes vomiting and diarrhoea

scabies - an itchy skin rash

diphtheria - a potentially fatal contagious bacterial infection



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Reading comprehension

Complete the following sentences with ONE word from the article.

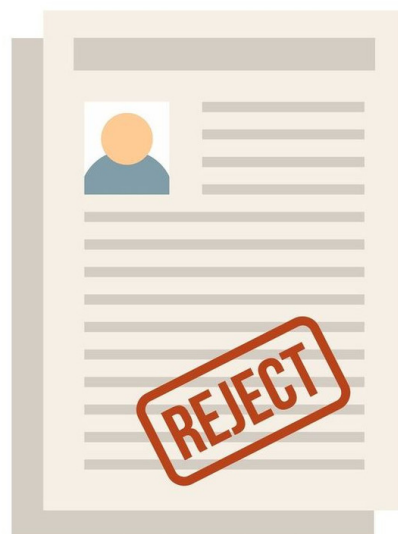
1. Marius Mihai Dragici was _____ to the UK following the execution of a European Arrest Warrant.
2. Three senior judges at the Court of Appeal _____ Hughes and Nica's cases.
3. The incident in Essex sent _____ around the UK.
4. Braverman has been asked to state that anyone held at the centre for longer than 24 hours has been unlawfully _____.
5. A 2019 case found the Home Office _____ to pay asylum seekers damages.
6. Chris Philp said to complain about conditions is a bit of a _____.

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Talking point

In pairs, discuss the following questions.

1. Do you think it should be the UK's responsibility to stop immigrants crossing the Channel?
2. Should immigrants have more protection when they are being held in the detention centre if they entered a country illegally?
3. What can be done legally to stop people from being trafficked into the UK?





9 Extended activity/homework

Write an opinion essay on one of the topics below. Your essay should agree or disagree with the statement and be at least 250 words long.

Topic 1

"If someone is brave enough to make a dangerous journey to start a new life in a foreign country, the government has a responsibility to protect that person, especially if they are escaping a perilous situation."

Topic 2

"Illegal immigrants are breaking the law when they enter a foreign country without permission. They should be sent back to their country of origin."

You should:

- Write at least 250 words
- Check your spelling, grammar, and punctuation

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