

New Internationalist

The people, the ideas, the action in the fight for global justice



Refugees in Lesbos

**Pre-Intermediate
New Internationalist
Easier English ready lesson**

Today's lesson:

- Vocabulary
- Reading
- Writing



Match:

1/ refugee

2/ rescue

3/ equipment

4/ urgent

5/ search

6/ improve

7/ legal

8/ safe

9/ route

a) opposite of dangerous

b) help someone from a dangerous situation

c) way to go from one place to another

d) very, very important

e) look for

f) person who wants to go to another country because of danger

g) Ok with the law

h) get better

i) machinery

Put the headline in the right order



worse
winter
as
Refugee
Lesbos
crisis
in
gets
comes.

Who are they? Where are they? Why are they there?





What do you think?

- 1 A woman wrote the article. Yes/no?
- 2 There are refugees in Lesbos. Yes/no?
- 3 Lesbos is in Greece. Yes/no?
- 4 Lesbos is an island. Yes/no?
- 5 Lesbos is 100 km from Turkey. Yes/no?
- 6 60 refugees died in 5 days. Possible?

Now read and check your answers

In the 5 days Hazel was on Lesbos, she heard more than 60 people died in the Aegean Sea trying to get to Europe. About half of these were children.

Refugees have not stopped crossing the dangerous 10km of water from Turkey because of bad winter weather. More of them are crossing now.

There are strong winds and rough seas. The rescue boats do not have enough money or equipment. So many refugee boats often do not get across.

Read again and find the answers

- 1 About 30 children died in the sea. Yes/no?
- 2 The weather is a big problem for the boats. Yes/no?
- 3 The boats are in good condition. Yes/no?
- 4 Most of the refugees on their way to Europe died in October this year. Yes/no?
- 5 Countries must make it easier for refugees to go to Europe. Yes/no?



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Hundreds of people have died trying to get to Europe this year, half of them in October. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees said it is urgent for search-and-rescue to improve. He says countries must make more legal, safe routes for refugees to get to Europe

Tweet



Hazel Healy

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First night on Lesbos. Arrived and heard a ship sank, hundreds of refugees died in the sea.

Tweet



Write a tweet about the situation in Lesbos to the head of your government. A tweet can only be 140 characters at most.

Homework

Read the original article and find words which mean:

- 1) died in the sea
- 2) when boats turn over in the sea
- 3) advised not to do something
- 4) trying
- 5) strong (winds)
- 6) dangerous (seas)
- 7) routes



<http://newint.org/blog/2015/11/04/refugee-crisis-worsens-in-lesbos-as-winter-looms/>