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Asylum seekers riot in Australia

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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Asylum seekers at a detention centre in Australia have destroyed buildings and property in a riot. The riots started on Wednesday night at the Villawood Detention Centre in Sydney. Around 100 detainees set fire to nine buildings and clashed with riot police. The protestors also threw stones and pieces of furniture at firefighters who came to put out the fires. The rioters destroyed a computer room, a kitchen, a laundry and medical facilities. Asylum seekers have made similar protests in recent years in Australia.

Australia's immigration department, which runs the centre, said the fires were now out. They condemned what they said was the "appalling" behaviour of the rioters. Immigration Minister Chris Bowen warned that he would not tolerate this kind of violence. Bami Jegan, from the Refugee Action Coalition, said riots were because of stress and frustration and "a cry for help". Jegan told Australia's ABC news that some people have been in the centre for nearly two years.

PHRASE MATCH

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Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Asylum seekers at a detention | a. nine buildings |
| 2. destroyed buildings | b. computer room |
| 3. detainees set fire to | c. in recent years |
| 4. put out | d. and property |
| 5. The rioters destroyed a | e. centre in Australia |
| 6. similar protests | f. the fires |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. immigration | a. of violence |
| 2. appalling" | b. nearly two years |
| 3. not tolerate this kind | c. behaviour |
| 4. riots were because | d. for help |
| 5. a cry | e. department |
| 6. in the centre for | f. of stress |

LISTENING GAP FILL

From: http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1104/110421-asylum_seekers.html

Asylum _____ centre in Australia have destroyed buildings _____ riot. The riots started on Wednesday night at the Villawood Detention Centre in Sydney. Around 100 detainees _____ buildings _____ riot police. The protestors also threw stones and pieces of furniture at firefighters who came _____. The rioters destroyed a computer room, a kitchen, a laundry and medical facilities. Asylum seekers have made similar _____ years in Australia.

Australia's immigration department, _____ centre, said the fires were now out. They condemned what they said was the "appalling" _____ rioters. Immigration Minister Chris Bowen warned that he would not _____ of violence. Brami Jegan, from the Refugee Action Coalition, said riots were _____ and frustration and "_____". Jegan told Australia's ABC news that some people have been in the centre _____.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

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Asylum seekers at a detention centre in Australia (1) _____ destroyed buildings and property (2) _____ a riot. The riots started on Wednesday night at the Villawood Detention Centre in Sydney. Around 100 detainees (3) _____ fire to nine buildings and clashed with riot police. The protestors also threw stones and (4) _____ of furniture at firefighters who came to (5) _____ out the fires. The rioters destroyed a computer room, a kitchen, a laundry and medical facilities. Asylum seekers have (6) _____ similar protests in recent years in Australia.

Australia's immigration department, which (7) _____ the centre, said the fires were now out. They condemned (8) _____ they said was the "appalling" behaviour of the rioters. Immigration Minister Chris Bowen warned that he would not tolerate (9) _____ kind of violence. Brami Jegan, from the Refugee Action Coalition, said riots were because (10) _____ stress and frustration and "a (11) _____ for help". Jegan told Australia's ABC news that (12) _____ people have been in the centre for nearly two years.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | |
|-----|------------|-----------|-----------|
| 1. | (a) has | (b) have | (c) had |
| 2. | (a) in | (b) by | (c) of |
| 3. | (a) get | (b) let | (c) set |
| 4. | (a) pieces | (b) peace | (c) piece |
| 5. | (a) do | (b) put | (c) have |
| 6. | (a) made | (b) did | (c) gone |
| 7. | (a) walks | (b) runs | (c) fires |
| 8. | (a) that | (b) what | (c) chat |
| 9. | (a) this | (b) so | (c) for |
| 10. | (a) for | (b) from | (c) of |
| 11. | (a) tear | (b) sob | (c) cry |
| 12. | (a) too | (b) any | (c) some |

SPELLING

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Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. ttneieodn centre
2. buildings and rtoepyrp
3. set fire to nine iibndlusg
4. dsecalh with riot police
5. idelmca facilities
6. lrsaiim protests

Paragraph 2

7. immigration nemtpreadt
8. the seifr were now out
9. appalling bvroeuaha
10. this kind of neivcoel
11. stress and rstfaruitno
12. naelyr two years

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- (**1**) Asylum seekers at a detention centre in Australia have destroyed buildings and +
- () property in a riot. The riots started on Wednesday night at the Villawood Detention +
- () Centre in Sydney. Around 100 detainees set fire to nine buildings and clashed with riot +
- () police. The protestors also threw stones and pieces of furniture at firefighters who came to put +
- () out the fires. The rioters destroyed a computer room, a kitchen, a laundry and medical +
- () facilities. Asylum seekers have made similar protests in recent years in Australia.+
- () Australia's immigration department, which runs the centre, said the fires were now +
- () out. They condemned what they said was the "appalling" behaviour of the rioters. Immigration +
- () Minister Chris Bowen warned that he would not tolerate this kind of +
- () violence. Bami Jegan, from the Refugee Action Coalition, said riots were because +
- () of stress and frustration and "a cry for help". Jegan told Australia's ABC news +
- () that some people have been in the centre for nearly two years.

WORD JUMBLE

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With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. at detention seekers a centre Asylum.

2. started Wednesday riots on night The.

3. set fire Around to 100 nine detainees buildings.

4. came fires to put Firefighters out who the.

5. seekers made protests Asylum have similar.

6. The out now were fires.

7. behaviour the appalling of rioters The.

8. not violence tolerate this He kind would of.

9. and stress of because were Riots frustration.

10. been centre two have the nearly People in for years.

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. REFUGEES: Search the Internet and find more information about refugees. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about asylum seekers. Include imaginary interviews with an asylum seeker and someone from the country in which the refugee is hoping to live. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

5. LETTER: Write a letter to Australia's immigration department. Ask officials three questions about refugees. Give them three of your opinions on the situation at the Villawood Detention Centre in Sydney. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.