

ANSWERS of ANSWERS Unit Six Refugees Gap Fill

There is little doubt that the issue of refugees is a global problem. While it **most immediately affects** developing nations, there is **a strong argument** that industrialised countries should help by allowing higher levels of immigration. This is certainly not an easy issue though, because historically immigration has caused as many problems as it solves.

The principal reason why developed nations should help is that we now live in a global village and it is no longer possible to ignore what happens on the other side of the world. This is partly **a moral issue** and partly because it is in the economic self-interest of industrialised nations to ensure that developing nations continue to progress. **A practical way of achieving** this would be to accept more immigration, particularly when it is caused by natural disasters or civil war.

I would argue, however, that this is not **an open and shut case**, as there is a negative side to mass immigration. The multi-cultural experiments in Europe have not always succeeded and immigrants have often suffered badly from racism and other prejudices. **On a practical level,** refugees are sometimes better off receiving aid in their native land than begging on the streets in a country where they cannot speak the language. Many so-called economic migrants end up returning to the country of their birth.

My personal conclusion is that developed nations should agree to take in more refugees, but only in restricted numbers and in extreme cases. I also believe that there needs to be a global effort to provide aid to **solve the problems that cause** emigration. Prevention is as they say better than cure.

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Vocabulary Issues

Before you start writing I suggest in [the planning process](#) you try and think of alternatives for words in the question. Normally it is much easier to do this before you start writing than as you are writing.

Problem

This is one of those essays where you are asked to talk about a problem. The word is given to you in the question so you need to be careful about repeating it too much. In this essay, I do repeat it, but I also use different collocations as well as the close synonym “issue”.

- a global problem
- not an easy issue
- a moral issue
- solve the problems
- caused as many problems as it solves

Refugees

This is another word given in the question that you want to try and avoid overusing. Some of the variants I use are:

- immigrant
- immigration/mass immigration
- economic migrants
- emigration

Developing countries etc

This is a tough one. You are going to need to talk about developing nations and countries in general a lot. Again you want to try and look for some alternatives. The one I don't use is “third world” as it is slightly politically incorrect nowadays. Try some of these:

- developing nations
- industrialised countries/nations
- native land
- country of their birth

Ideas and Essay Structure

If you plan your vocab well, you should come up with plenty of ideas for this essay. The problem is more likely to be what to leave out than to put in. The above essay structure looks something like this:

Introduction: rephrase the problem and mention the proposed solution. The state that it is an argument with two sides to lead into a pro/con type essay

Content 1: Arguments in favour of accepting refugees = moral responsibility/global village/economic self-interest. Use brief example of natural disasters

Content 2: Problems caused by immigration – prejudice and racism etc. Mention possibility of aid in own countries

Conclusion: Yes and no! Up to a point it's a good idea but there are difficulties (refer back to introduction). Suggest alternative of aid (refer back to content 2). Easy.