

## Language 1

Match the words on the left with the words on the right:

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| 1. asylum      | a. migrants   |
| 2. border      | b. immigrants |
| 3. economic    | c. controls   |
| 4. illegal     | d. officials  |
| 5. immigration | e. seekers    |

Complete this text with expressions from the exercise above:

Following the discovery of fifty (6) .....  
 ..... in the back of a lorry at Calais  
 yesterday, the government has ordered stricter  
 security at (7) ..... and has  
 warned (8) ..... to be  
 vigilant. "We are very willing to help genuine  
 (9) .....", said a  
 government minister, "but these people are just  
 (10) ..... We  
 cannot allow just anyone into the country."

## Discussion

Work in pairs: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the points of view below? The expressions in Language 2 may be helpful.

*I don't see why my taxes should support people from other countries. I'll never get anything from their country, will I?*

*We should be proud that so many people would like to live in our country.*

*I don't mind the refugees. They really need help, but I don't see why we should let anyone else into the country, though.*

*A lot of these refugees are Muslims. Wouldn't it be better if they went to a Muslim country where they would feel more at home?*

*Asylum seekers are asylum seekers. They are desperate women, men and children. You never know – we could be in their situation one day.*

*There aren't enough jobs for local people as it is. We can't have people from other countries taking our jobs.*

*We're already doing enough in this country. Why can't other countries do more?*

*We have lots of menial jobs that no one wants to do. We need immigrants to come and do this work. Let them come, I say.*

## Language 2

Now look at this sentence from the text:

*The point is: what are these people going to do?*

Look at these other expressions with **point**. Decide if you would use them to agree (A), to disagree (D) or to partially agree (P).

1. Yes, I see your point.
2. I take your point but ...
3. I agree up to a point.
4. That's a good point.
5. No, you're missing the point.
6. That's not the point.
7. I can't see your point at all.
8. That's exactly the point.