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## **Conversation topics with AUDIO Listening practice**

**How to use this exercise:**

1. Read the story and study the new words
2. Listen to the story audio once or twice while reading the notes
3. Listen to the story audio again a few more times without the notes, just focusing on listening

I have rewritten the news story using natural English for conversation. This is the way native speakers might talk about current events.



## *Canadians prepare to welcome thousands of Syrian refugees*

Canadians are getting ready to welcome some Syrian **refugees** in the next few weeks.

Temporary **processing centers** have been set up to handle the **newcomers** at Pearson International airport in Toronto and Pierre Elliott Trudeau airport in Montreal. Government officials say both centers will be ready in time for the first arrivals, some could come in a few days.

By the time the refugees leave the airports, they'll have received **permanent residency, a social insurance number**, information on working in Canada, and a meal. Translators will also be there, ready to help.

There will be a rest area for adults and a play area for kids. The play area will have stuffed animals and toys to play with. These areas will help refugees relax after the long trip to Canada.

The GTA (Greater Toronto Area) director for **Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship** Canada said the goal is to make the refugees' first experience in Canada welcoming.

The whole process should take about three hours.

Refugees that are sponsored by families will then be taken to be with those families, and refugees sponsored by the government will be taken to **temporary accommodations**.

Canada plans to accept 250,000 refugees from Syria by March 2016, but it will likely take longer than that to **take in** so many people.

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\*Original story Globe and Mail December 8 2015

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/canadians-prepare-to-welcome-thousands-of-syrian-refugees/article27646906/>

## ***New Vocabulary***

Match the words on the left to the meanings on the right.

<b><i>A -refugee</i></b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The legal right to belong to a particular country</li><li>2. to make somebody feel welcome and part of a group</li><li>3. A person who has been forced to leave their country or home, because there is a war or for political, religious or social reasons</li><li>4. a number that the Canadian government uses to identify you, and that you use when you fill out official forms, apply for a job, etc.</li><li>5. to allow somebody to stay with you</li><li>6. a person who has only recently arrived in a place or started an activity</li><li>7. a status given to someone from another country who is allowed to live and work in Canada</li><li>8. the process of coming to live permanently in a country that is not your own</li><li>9. somewhere to live/stay for a short time; not permanent</li></ol>
<b><i>B -newcomers</i></b>	
<b><i>C -accept</i></b>	
<b><i>D -permanent residency</i></b>	
<b><i>E -social insurance number</i></b>	
<b><i>F -temporary accommodations</i></b>	
<b><i>G -immigration</i></b>	
<b><i>H -citizenship</i></b>	
<b><i>I -take in</i></b>	

**processing centers** - A place for dealing with official documents and requests

## More help

Google Translate

<https://translate.google.jp/>

Simple English translation (with audio)

<http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com/>

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### ***New Vocabulary (ANSWERS)***

A - 3	D - 7	G - 8
B - 6	E - 4	H - 1
C - 5	F - 9	I - 2