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Level 2 – 6th June 2024

Australia to allow foreign citizens into its army

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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British, Canadian, American and New Zealand people will soon be able to join the Australian Defence Force (ADF). Australia is having problems getting people to join its army. The government hopes that opening up to people from other countries will solve its recruitment problem. The ADF needs around 4,400 workers. Only those who are permanent residents in Australia (who have lived there for a year) can apply. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard Marles, said it was possible that in the future, people from more countries could join.

Mr Marles said: "The Australian Government has chosen to grow the Australian Defence Force because it is essential to meet the nation's security challenges through the next decade and beyond." The Defence Ministry said: "We're being bold in order to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a wider pool of people will help ensure [the ADF] reflects the full diversity of Australia." The opposition Foreign Minister disagreed with the policy. He said it showed the government's failure. He said: "We should be seeing more Australians with the confidence to sign up."

Sources: <https://www.defence.gov.au/news-events/news/2024-06-04/adf-opens-its-ranks-non-citizens>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. having problems getting people | a. future |
| 2. opening up to people | b. to join |
| 3. solve its recruitment | c. for a year |
| 4. permanent | d. could join |
| 5. lived there | e. from other countries |
| 6. Richard Marles said it was | f. problem |
| 7. in the | g. possible |
| 8. people from more countries | h. residents |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. through the next decade | a. failure |
| 2. We're being | b. pool of people |
| 3. Recruiting from a wider | c. more Australians |
| 4. the full diversity | d. and beyond |
| 5. disagreed with the | e. to sign up |
| 6. it showed the government's | f. bold |
| 7. We should be seeing | g. policy |
| 8. the confidence | h. of Australia |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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(1) _____ join the Australian Defence Force (ADF).
Australia is (2) _____ people to join its army. The
government hopes that (3) _____ people from
other countries will solve its recruitment problem. The ADF needs
around 4,400 workers. Only those (4) _____
residents in Australia (who have lived there for a
(5) _____. Australia's Defence Minister, Richard
Marles, said it was possible that (6) _____, people
from more countries could join.

Mr Marles said: "The Australian Government has
(7) _____ the Australian Defence Force because it
is (8) _____ the nation's security challenges
through the next (9) _____." The Defence Ministry
said: "We're being bold in order to grow the ADF. Recruiting from a
wider pool of people (10) _____ [the ADF] reflects
the full diversity of Australia." The opposition Foreign Minister
(11) _____ policy. He said it showed the
government's failure. He said: "We should be seeing more
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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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JOINING THE ARMY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about joining the army in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

