

and also guaranteed healthcare and decent refugee shelters could also prove vital for their wellbeing.

As for schools, there are many things that could be done to help refugees, as well. First and foremost, lessons for the kids and perhaps some kind of specialised courses for the adults could be of great assistance for them. The students can, of course, also play a major role. For instance, they can encourage other pupils to accept refugee children as their mates and even invite them to join them in sports or games. Furthermore, donations of things such as clothes or toys that students are not in need of anymore could also be of great importance. Last but not least, pupils can try to convince fellow members of their community to hire refugees for simple jobs, in order to facilitate their gradual integration to it.

Very good work!

Unit 3: On duty

Exercise: Write the meaning, translation and an example of five unknown words from the text consulting "word reference":

1. gendarme = French police officer = αστυνομικός, χωροφύλακας
Γάλλος αστυνομικός, Γάλλος χωροφύλακας → e.g. A gendarme strode over to the crowd to see what the fuss was about.
2. culminate in (sth) = end = οδουληρωνομαι, καταληνω → e.g. The Pope's visit will culminate in a cathedral mass.
3. petty = not serious = μικρός, αγήμαντος, μηδαμνός, μικο → e.g.

Jack hasn't got enough money to go on holiday this year, but that's a petty problem compared to what some people have to deal with.

4. minister = member of government = unoupro\varsigma → e.g. Aaron was elected as the minister of finance.

5. barracks = soldier's accommodation = $\text{\epsilon\pi\iota\sigma\tau\iota\upsilon\upsilon\iota\alpha\varsigma}$ → e.g. The troops returned to their barracks to rest.

Page 29: Exercise 6:

Hi Melissa,

how are you? I hope you're well. As for me, though, I have to admit I'm upset. Well, that's an understatement... I'm overcome with anger and sorrow. A few days ago an article came to my attention about a French police officer who died during a supermarket siege. Long story short, a criminal named Radouane Lakdim somehow escaped police monitoring and after a series of atrocities he burst into a supermarket and besieged it. When the police arrived, they tried to negotiate with him and eventually a gendarme, Arnaud Beltrame, took the hostages' place, but ended up getting shot. The police then killed the terrorist on the spot. However, Beltrame, after a strong battle at the hospital, finally expired.

The whole tragedy reminded me of a poem that

we read at school, "Thermopile", written by Kavafis, one of my nation's greatest poets. You see, in the poem he analyzes the meaning of duty. Duty, according to him, is honour; it is doing what you know is right and not diverge; it is being just and fair to everyone, but at the same time being human and having emotions; it is being truthful and honest and having no hate. But the most beautiful part of the poem is the last one, where Kavafis observes that true duty is acknowledging that menace is coming your way, ready to devour you like a wild animal, but still you stay and you fight and you know defeat is inevitable, but you know what? Maybe it's better that way. Maybe you just want everything to be over. Maybe true freedom and salvation come from an honourable defeat and not from an unfair and advantageous victory «*Ἡ τὰν ἢ ἐπι τᾶς*», as the great Spartan mothers used to say.

As you can tell, I'm overwhelmed with emotions. Perhaps there's a piece of hope somewhere in there, too. Perhaps... Anyway, write back soon and let me know what you think of the incident and the poem. And also your definition of duty and honour. I'd be very much intrigued to find out! 'Til next time!

ADD the best,

Marina

Page 34: Exercise b: Police report on person who died while on duty:

NICK DAVIS

End of watch: December 18, 1984

Commission Date: August 13, 1979

Rank: Patrol Officer

On December 18, 1984, at about 6:25 AM, Seattle Police Officer Nick Davis was shot and killed in the line of duty. Officer Davis was working a prowler car in the First Hill Area of the city. As he approached the International House of Pancakes at 950 East Madison Street he saw one of the restaurant employees chasing a man. The employee told the officer that the suspect fled after failing to pay his \$4.55 food bill. Officer Davis radioed for back up and approached the suspect. A struggle ensued and the suspect was able to take Officer Davis' revolver. The suspect shot Officer Davis twice. The suspect fled, but was captured a short distance away. Officer Nick Davis died 30 minutes later at Harborview Medical Center. He was survived by his wife Stacie and his three sons Jeff, Jim and Jerry.

✓ Very good work!

Page 34: Exercise b: Essay on person who died while on duty:

Eighteen years have past since the greatest maritime tragedy in Greece - but no one can forget the heroes of that tragic night.

On the evening of 26th September 2000, the "Express Samina" departed from the port of Piraeus with 533 people, of which 479 were passengers and the remaining 61 were crew members. At about 22.12, while the ship is approaching the port of Parikia, Paros, with winds of 8 Beaufort, 2 miles off the island, it collides with a speed of 18 knots, on the islets "Portes Paros", resulting in the ship suffering a breach on its starboard reef, about three meters long, at the base of the right stabiliser fin, the water flooding the ship's engine room, rapidly tilting it to the right and causing it to sink twenty five minutes later.

Great panic was caused to the passengers, due to the blackout on the ship, because of an electrical fault, as the emergency generator did not work either, but also due to the absence of the emergency siren notification and the relevant information from the ship's portable loudspeakers, resulting in many passengers, terrified, to jump into the sea.

There are also twenty soldiers on board the ship, who try in every way to help as many of their fellow

human beings as possible. Among them, the infantry soldier Vassilis Rahautis, from Lamia. According to testimonies, poor Vassilis saved many people, mainly women and children. Shortly before the ship sank, his father was begging him on the phone to abandon the ship and save himself. But he did not! He could not leave his fellow men helpless.

Vassilis, together with 19 of his colleagues, gave the ultimate fight to save as many lives as possible. He lost his life, fighting the raging waves, trying to save a baby, after first saving the mother! Young Vassilis and eighty other people lost their lives on the night of 9th September 9000.

The immense heroism and self-sacrifice that that young man demonstrated will most certainly go down in our history. His memory is eternal and his act a legacy to greek volunteerism.

Unit 4: Vincent Van Gogh

Exercise: Write the meaning, translation and an example of ten unknown words from the song, the viewing notes and the text consulting "word reference":

1. haze = weather: fog = ομίχλη, Ίσρα αχλὺς → e.g. The polluted city always had a dirty haze in the air.

2. china = made of china = πορσελάνινος → e.g. The china dolls