
Today's Headlines:

Border closes for migrants

Wildfires in California

Crisis for world's oceans

Transcript:

Large crowds of **frustrated**, exhausted people are **spending the night** at the Serbian border with Hungary, where Hungarian authorities have completed a new razor wire fence and closed off unofficial crossing points.

In California this is the sound of summer – they call it the 'valley fire' and no one here can remember anything like it. It has already **consumed** an area twice the size of San Francisco, and still it burns.

The ocean is **on the brink of** collapse, according to a WWF report released today. The study into the health and habitats of marine species has found that populations more or less halved between 1970 and 2012. The report says the declines may be steepest in the fish we need for the global food supply.

Words and phrases and definitions:

frustrated

feeling annoyed and upset because you can't achieve what you want to

spending the night

staying or sleeping at a particular location

consumed

(here) completely destroyed

on the brink of

close to or at a point in time when something good or bad is about to happen

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Exercise:

Use one of the words or phrases from Lingohack to complete each of these sentences. Note that you may have to change the form of a word or phrase to complete the sentence correctly.

frustrated / spending the night / consumed / on the brink of

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2. Since I've had kids, I find it so _____ that I can't go out to the pub any more.
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4. Because we missed our connecting flight, we had to _____ at the airport.

Answers:

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