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## Dora the Explorer an illegal immigrant?

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# THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

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The children's cartoon character Dora the Explorer is at the centre of an immigration debate. Dora is a brown-skinned girl who speaks English with a Spanish accent. No one knows where she's from, but new Internet pictures suggest she's Mexican. The pictures show her in a police photo with the title: "Illegal Border Crossing Resisting Arrest." The image started following new immigration laws in the USA's Arizona state. Police must now ask anyone about their immigration status. Many people think Dora is being used to highlight illegal immigration into the USA.

The new picture of Dora shows how immigration is such a big issue in the USA. It is also really important in other countries around the world. The image of Dora in a police mug shot is a little dangerous. Mexican groups fear it will give Americans a negative view of Mexicans. Dora is a much-loved character across the globe. She has taught Spanish phrases to many English speakers. She is a symbol that girls and people with brown skin have freedom and can travel anywhere they want. This is very different to Arizona's new immigration law.

# PHRASE MATCH

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1005/100522-dora\\_the\\_explorer.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1005/100522-dora_the_explorer.html)

## Match the following phrases from the article.

### Paragraph 1

- |                                       |                          |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. children's cartoon                 | a. where she's from      |
| 2. at the centre of an                | b. suggest she's Mexican |
| 3. No one knows                       | c. immigration debate    |
| 4. pictures                           | d. into the USA          |
| 5. ask anyone about their immigration | e. character             |
| 6. illegal immigration                | f. status                |

### Paragraph 2

- |                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. immigration is such       | a. shot            |
| 2. a police mug              | b. view            |
| 3. give Americans a negative | c. symbol          |
| 4. Dora is a much-           | d. phrases         |
| 5. She has taught Spanish    | e. a big issue     |
| 6. She is a                  | f. loved character |

# LISTENING GAP FILL

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The new picture of Dora shows how immigration \_\_\_\_\_ issue in the USA. It is also really important in other countries around the world. The image of Dora in a \_\_\_\_\_ is a little dangerous. Mexican \_\_\_\_\_ will give Americans \_\_\_\_\_ of Mexicans. Dora is a much-loved character across the globe. She has taught Spanish phrases to many English speakers. She is \_\_\_\_\_ and people with brown skin have freedom and can \_\_\_\_\_ they want. This is very different to Arizona's new immigration law.

# MULTIPLE CHOICE

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The children's cartoon character Dora the Explorer is at the (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of an immigration debate. Dora is a brown-skinned girl who speaks English with a Spanish (2) \_\_\_\_\_. No one knows where she's from, but new Internet pictures suggest she's Mexican. The pictures show her in a police photo with the (3) \_\_\_\_\_: "Illegal Border Crossing Resisting Arrest." The image started following new immigration (4) \_\_\_\_\_ in the USA's Arizona state. Police must now ask anyone about their immigration status. Many people think Dora is being used to highlight illegal immigration (5) \_\_\_\_\_ the USA.

The new picture of Dora shows how immigration is (6) \_\_\_\_\_ a big issue in the USA. It is also really important in other countries around the world. The image of Dora in a police (7) \_\_\_\_\_ shot is a little dangerous. Mexican groups (8) \_\_\_\_\_ it will give Americans a negative view of Mexicans. Dora is a much-loved character across the globe. She has taught Spanish phrases to many English speakers. She is a (9) \_\_\_\_\_ that girls and people with brown skin have freedom and can travel anywhere they want. This is very (10) \_\_\_\_\_ to Arizona's new immigration law.

## Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- |     |                |                   |                |
|-----|----------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 1.  | (a) outside    | (b) centre        | (c) edge       |
| 2.  | (a) accent     | (b) pronunciation | (c) stress     |
| 3.  | (a) title      | (b) name          | (c) label      |
| 4.  | (a) law        | (b) laws          | (c) lawyer     |
| 5.  | (a) out of     | (b) up to         | (c) into       |
| 6.  | (a) so         | (b) much          | (c) such       |
| 7.  | (a) cup        | (b) mug           | (c) glass      |
| 8.  | (a) fear       | (b) afraid        | (c) frightened |
| 9.  | (a) symbolize  | (b) symbol        | (c) symbols    |
| 10. | (a) difference | (b) difficulty    | (c) different  |

# SPELLING

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**Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.**

## Paragraph 1

1. coaonrt character
2. an immigration aebted
3. a Spanish ctaecn
4. edbror crossing
5. immigration ssutta
6. iiaggllhhh illegal immigration

## Paragraph 2

7. The new eirpuct
8. a big uiess
9. a pcielo mug shot
10. a inaevegt view
11. Spanish essprha
12. have dferemo

# PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From: [http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1005/100522-dora\\_the\\_explorer.html](http://www.NewsEnglishLessons.com/1005/100522-dora_the_explorer.html)

## Number these lines in the correct order.

- ( ) now ask anyone about their immigration status. Many people Dora is being used to highlight illegal immigration into the USA.
- ( ) skin have freedom and can travel anywhere they want. This is very different to Arizona's new immigration law.
- ( ) other countries around the world. The image of Dora in a police mug shot is a little dangerous. Mexican
- ( ) The new picture of Dora shows how immigration is such a big issue in the USA. It is also really important in
- ( ) pictures suggest she's Mexican. The pictures show her in a police photo with the title: "Illegal Border Crossing
- ( ) globe. She has taught Spanish phrases to many English speakers. She is a symbol that girls and people with brown
- ( ) skinned girl who speaks English with a Spanish accent. No one knows where she's from, but new Internet
- ( **1** ) groups fear it will give Americans a negative view of Mexicans. Dora is a much-loved character across the
- ( ) Resisting Arrest." The image started following new immigration laws in the USA's Arizona state. Police must
- ( ) The children's cartoon character Dora the Explorer is at the centre of an immigration debate. Dora is a brown-

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**With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.**

1. immigration an of centre the At debate.

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2. one where from No knows she's.

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3. Mexican she's suggest pictures Internet.

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4. Immigration state Arizona USA's the in laws.

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5. to the highlight USA illegal immigration Used into.

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6. USA is big the Immigration a in such issue.

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7. world other countries Really around important the in.

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8. Give Mexicans of view negative a Americans.

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9. taught to speakers has phrases English She Spanish many.

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10. law immigration new Arizona's to different Very.

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)**

### **STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_



# HOMEWORK

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find more information about immigration. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about immigration. Include imaginary interviews with two people – one who successfully relocated and one who failed. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT?** Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to Dora. Ask her three questions about immigration. Give her three of your opinions on it. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Your partner will answer the questions you asked.