**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Soldiers, Earthquakes, Ants**

**Voor de docent**

Rusland kondigt een gedeeltelijke mobilisatie af, Mexico en Taiwan zijn opgeschrikt door grote aardbevingen en er zijn naar schatting meer dan 20,000,000,000,000,000 mieren op aarde.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan belangrijke feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a)*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Russia in war with Ukraine, earthquakes shocking other parts of the planet, and what’s up with the ants?

Assignment 1

a Find the following countries on the [world map](https://geology.com/world/world-map.gif): Finland, Mexico, Russia, Taiwan, Ukraine.



**Soldiers, Earthquakes, Ants**

All over the world, a lot is going on. A new roundup gives all the important information of events near and far, [events in Russia and Ukraine, in Mexico and Taiwan](https://newsforkids.net/articles/2022/09/23/news-roundup-russias-soldiers-earthquakes-and-20-quadrillion-ants/). And also very down to earth.

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

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| 1. to call up | 1. all the cars formed a line that moved slowly or not at all |
| 1. reserve soldiers | 1. to become very expensive |
| 1. to rejoin | 1. to find by adding (*optellen*), subtracting (*aftrekken*), multiplying (*vermenigvuldigen*) or dividing (*delen*) |
| 1. army | 1. a guess that you make based on the information you have |
| 1. to go sky high | 1. hurts, damages, wounds |
| 1. traffic was backed up | 1. to join again |
| 1. border | 1. a large group of people who are armed and trained to fight |
| 1. magnitude | 1. a line separating one country or state from another |
| 1. severe | 1. an object or tool that is used for catching animals |
| 1. aftershock | 1. one thousand trillion (1,000,000,000,000,000) |
| 1. injuries | 1. to order soldiers to come for active military duty |
| 1. quadrillion | 1. people with military experience who must serve in the army when they are needed |
| 1. an estimate | 1. size or strength |
| 1. a trap | 1. a smaller earthquake that follows a large earthquake |
| 1. to calculate | 1. very bad or serious |

Assignment 3

a Connect the items on the left with the correct description on the right.

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| 1. aftershock | 1. **Young Men Race to Leave Russia As It Calls Up Soldiers** |
| 1. airplane tickets suddenly very expensive |
| 1. counting insects | 1. **Earthquakes Strike in Mexico And Taiwan** |
| 1. international scientific information |
| 1. reserve soldiers called up | 1. **Scientists Report That Earth Has 20 Quadrillion Ants** |
| 1. train knocked off the rails |

b Why are there long lines at Russia’s border crossings?

1 300,000 reserve soldiers want to join the European Union army.

2 Many Russian men are leaving because they do not want to join the army.

3 There are not enough people working at the border crossings.

4 Tourists from several large cities in Russia want to visit Finland.

c “The numbers of insects around the world are dropping.” What does this mean?

1 Around the world, more and more car windows are covered in dead insects.

2 Insects that go sky high will drop dead.

3 Scientists know little about the numbers of ants living underground.

4 There are less and less insects all over the world.