

Check these words

- refugee camp
- draw sb's attention to sth
- enterprising wage
- non-profit
 healthcare
- well
 vaccinate
 campaign
- sustainable development
- aid stand for struggle

Back in 1999, a young American man called Clint Borgen was volunteering in the refugee camps of Europe. When he returned home to the USA, he went to university and then got a job. But he couldn't stop thinking about what he had seen in Europe. He was wondering why countries that had so much weren't helping those who needed help, and that was when he realised he needed to draw the government's attention to poverty in other countries. He turned the problem over and over in his enterprising mind until he came up with an idea: The Borgen Project.

With only a laptop and the monthly wages from his own job, Clint set up The Borgen Project, a non-profit organisation that works to reduce extreme poverty. Clint believes that helping the world's poor – those people who live on less than \$1 a day – is actually very simple. He says all they need is food, clean water, shelter, education and healthcare. This is why he **supports** projects such as digging wells, building medical centres and vaccinating babies and children. The Borgen Project also campaigns for sustainable development. This means that, after the charities have left, the people they helped can continue to help themselves. Therefore, Clint believes that teaching, building and planting are very important. The Borgen Project holds Kazakhstan up as an example of a country that developed sustainably. In fact, Kazakhstan is now so developed that it sends aid to nearby Ukraine and Tajikistan, to Bangladesh and even the Caribbean! It is a true success story, and a **shining** example of what The Borgen Project stands for: the idea that **prosperous** countries should help the ones that are struggling.

Clint Borgen knows that it's not just governments and politicians, or even his own organisation, that make the biggest difference, though. It's people like you and me. As Clint says about The Borgen Project: "We don't change the world unless you do."

- 3 9.4.2.1 9.2.71 Read the text and for questions 1-3 choose the correct answer A, B, or C. Justify your answers. Then, explain the words in bold.
 - 1 Why did Clint create The Borgen Project?
 - A to solve the refugee problem in Europe
 - B to raise awareness about an important issue
 - C to stop his government spending so much money abroad
 - 2 Clint thinks that ...
 - A living on \$1 a day isn't difficult.
 - B it's easy to improve the lives of people living in poverty.
 - C poor people don't need the same things as rich people.
 - 3 Why does the writer call Kazakhstan a 'shining example'?
 - A Because it helps out countries less wealthy than itself.
 - B Because it became a rich country very quickly.
 - C Because it has more charities than any of the neighbouring nations.