

Refugees



What Is a Refugee?

A refugee is an individual who abandons their home and travels to another country to live in. Until they are given refugee status, they cannot stay permanently in the new country.

Why Do People Become Refugees?

A refugee is somebody who has had to flee their own country either because of a natural disaster, because they are being treated badly or because they are in fear of being mistreated. They may be frightened of losing their home, being seriously injured or even being killed. In other cases, wars that have started because of opposing beliefs can result in people being forced to leave their own homes.

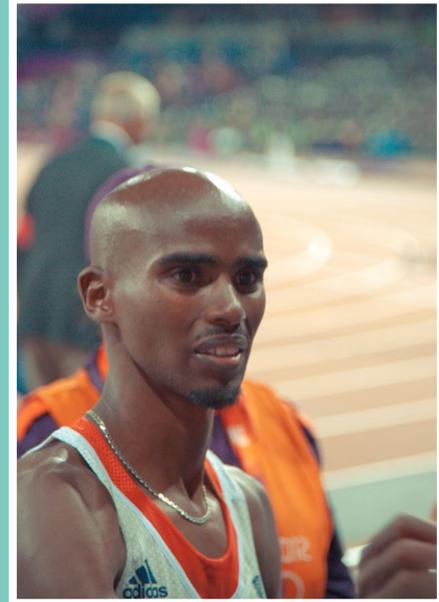


The Story of a Refugee

Ahmed and his family were forced to abandon their home when it was damaged due to war. They packed tiny bags and walked for hours before finding a refugee camp. They were given some food and blankets. Finally, Ahmed managed to get his children into school.

A Famous Refugee

Mo Farah is most famous for his contribution to sport. He is a middle and long distance runner and has won four Olympic gold medals. He was born in 1983 in Somalia. Due to war, some of his family fled to England. Separated from his twin brother, Mo went to England at the age of eight and could speak very little English.



Questions

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love

2. Give two reasons why a refugee would flee their home.

3. Find and copy another word that means differing.

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5. At what point could a refugee stay in the country they have fled to?

6. Why do you think Ahmed and his family packed tiny bags?

Answers

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2. Give two reasons why a refugee would flee their home.

Choose two from a choice of natural disasters/ they are being treated badly/ they are in fear of being mistreated/ because of losing their home/ being seriously injured/ fear of being killed/ a war.

3. Find and copy another word that means differing.

opposing

4. What is particularly sad about Mo Farah's story?

It is particularly sad that Mo Farah was separated from his twin brother.

5. At what point could a refugee stay in the country they have fled to?

A refugee can stay in the country they have fled to when they receive refugee status.

6. Why do you think Ahmed and his family packed tiny bags?

Answers may vary.