A New Home: Refugees

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What Is a Refugee?

A refugee is a person who leaves the country they live in, to go and live in another country. If they receive **refugee status**, it means they can stay and live in the new country.

Read it

Read a story about a refugee by clicking the picture above.

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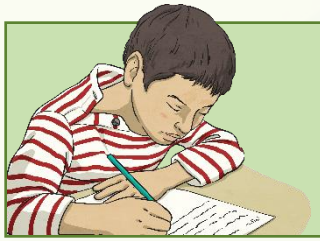
What Is an Asylum Seeker?

An **asylum** seeker is a person who leaves their own country due to worry about what might happen to them if they stayed. They might ask to have refugee status.



Do it

After Reading the refugee story, continue the story of the author's journey.

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Who Helps Refugees?

- Depending on where in the world refugees go to, they are helped by different organisations.

- Refugee Council

- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

- Charities such as Save the Children

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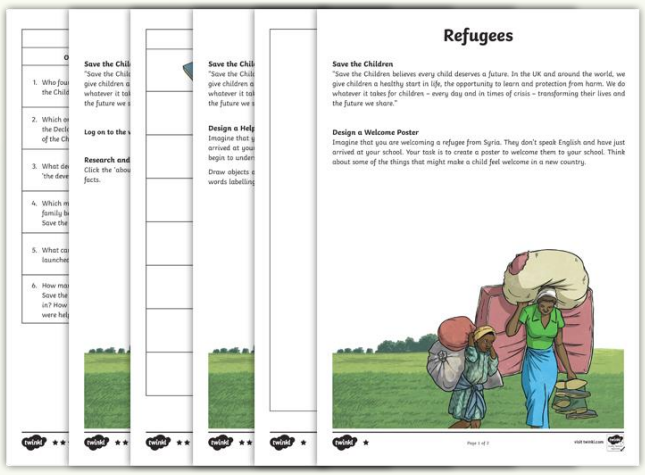
Do it!

Use the activity sheets here to:

- create a welcome poster for a refugee;
- translate some words to help a refugee;
- find out about refugee organisations.



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Famous Refugees

Mo Farah

A long distance and middle distance runner. Mo Farah was born on 23rd March 1983 in Mogadishu in Somalia. He spent the early years of his childhood in Djibouti and moved to Britain when he was eight years old to join his father. He spoke very little English. At the London 2012 Olympics, he won a gold medal for the 10,000 metres and 5,000 metres and in March 2015, he broke the European record for the half marathon in Lisbon.

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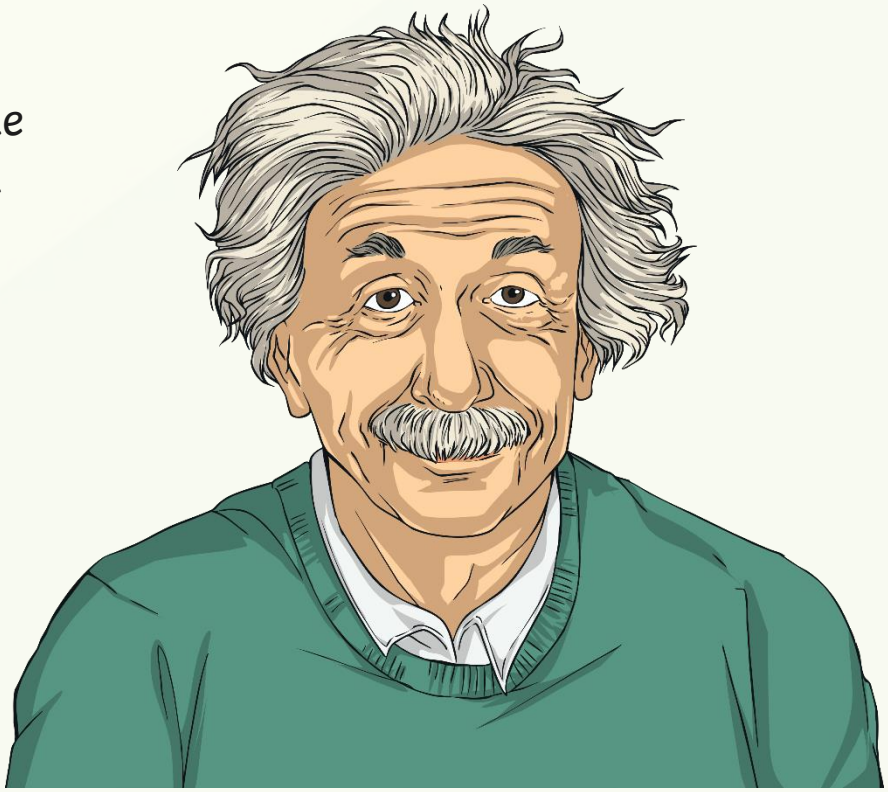
Famous Refugees

Albert Einstein

A famous scientist - he was born in Ulm, in the Kingdom of Württemberg in Germany on 14th March 1879. As an adult, he moved to America in 1933 when Adolf Hitler took over Germany.



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Famous Refugees

Anne Frank

Anne Frank is famous for the diary that she kept from 12th June, 1942 until 4th August, 1944. A German-born Jewish girl - she was born on 12th June, 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany. Her family moved to Holland in 1933 when the Nazis came to power. On 6th July 1942, Anne and her family, along with four other families, went into hiding. She wrote a diary about her life in hiding, which can be read today.

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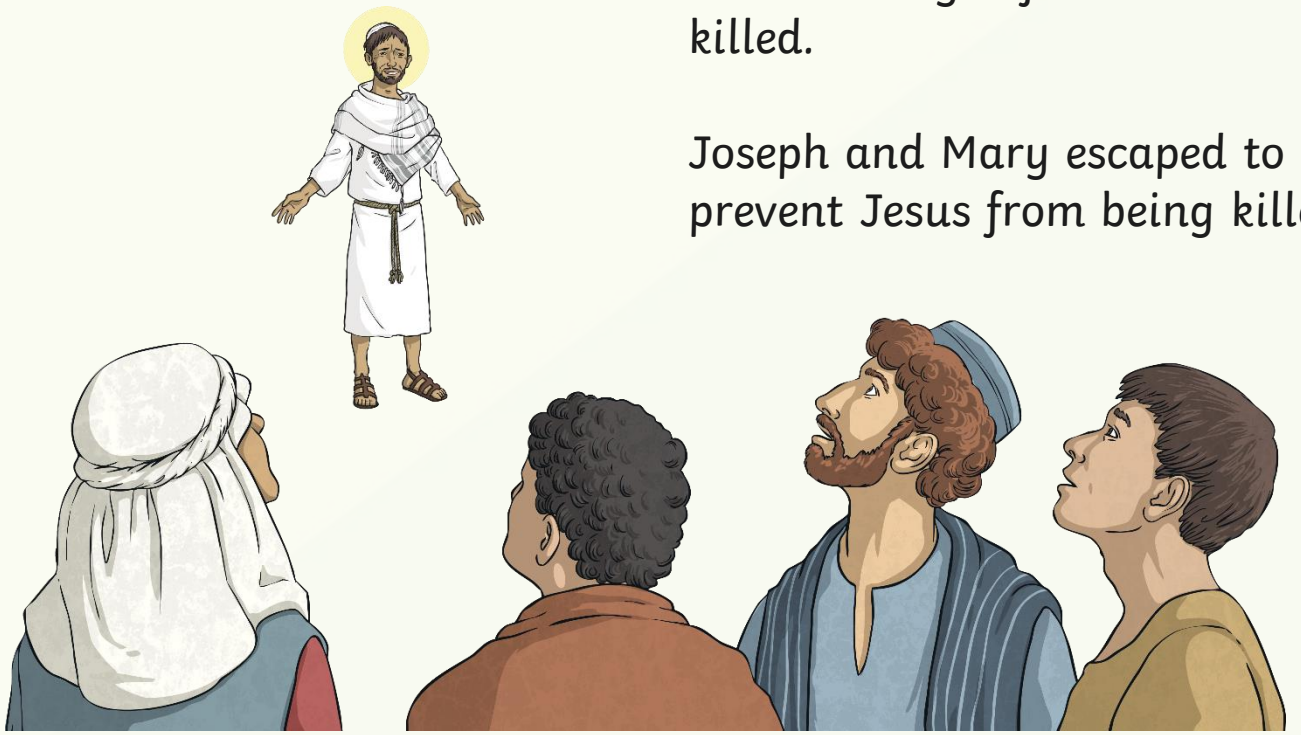
Famous Refugees

Jesus

When he heard of the birth of Jesus, King Herod ordered for all of the children below the age of two in Bethlehem to be killed.

Joseph and Mary escaped to Egypt to prevent Jesus from being killed.



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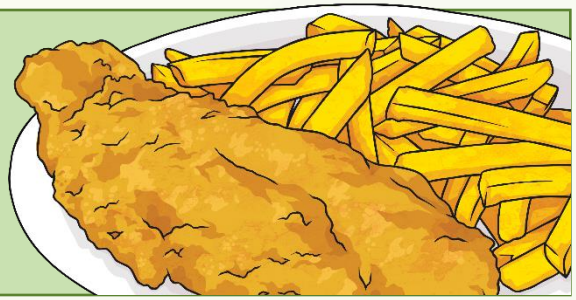
Did You Know?

Fish and Chips

Fish and chips, a great British tradition, were brought to Britain by 17th century Jews expelled from Portugal.



Do It

Find out how many other foods have been brought to Britain by immigrants or refugees.

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Glossary

refugee status: This is awarded to someone that the Home Office recognises as a refugee as described in the Refugee Convention. A person given refugee status is normally granted leave to remain in the UK for 5 years, and at the end of that time, they can apply for permanent permission to stay.

Refugee Council: The Refugee Council is one of the leading charities in the UK, working directly with refugees and supporting them to rebuild their lives.

Asylum: The protection granted by a state to someone who has left their home country as a political refugee.

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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: The dream of most refugees is to return home. When possible, UNHCR helps refugees return to their homeland. When refugees can't go back home, UNHCR helps them rebuild their lives in another country.

Save the Children: Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the UK and around the world, they give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm. They do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we all share.

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