

Video zone: A tale of two brothers – exercises

Ali and Ahmed are teenagers. They had to leave their home because of war. This video tells the story of their journey to Germany. They are just two of the thousands of refugees in the world today.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and read the subtitles and then do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... | to raise a family | a. | an area of a country |
| 2..... | a children's home | b. | the ability to move or act freely |
| 3..... | a conflict | c. | United Nations Children's Fund (originally United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) |
| 4..... | freedom | d. | a fight between two or more groups of people or countries |
| 5..... | a region | e. | a place where children are cared for if their parents are dead or unable to take care of them |
| 6..... | UNICEF | f. | to take care of children while they are growing up |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. | Ali is on his own except for his brother and his sister. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. | According to Ali, Syria has many conflicts. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. | Ali's dream is to go to France. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. | It took three weeks for the two brothers to get from Lesbos in Greece to Germany. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. | According to Ali, Germany is a beautiful, safe place. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. | The two brothers now live in a children's home. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. | Ali is unhappy because he is without his family and friends. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. | Ali is happy that he and his brother arrived safely in Germany. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

2. Check your understanding: reordering

Write a number (1–5) to put these events in the correct order.

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| | They now live in a children's home in Germany. |
| | It was dangerous to stay in their region. |
| | They travelled to Germany together. |
| | Ali and Ahmed lived with their parents. |
| | War broke out in Syria. |

Discussion

What can we do to help refugees like Ali and Ahmed?

We could ...

We can ...

I would ...

I think ...

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.