

# Refugees



## What Is a Refugee?

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- They go and live in another country.

## The Story of a Refugee

Mati left Afghanistan when she was thirteen years old.

She felt very unsafe because of the war.

It took her three months to get to the United Kingdom.



## Why Do People Become Refugees?

People become refugees because they do not feel safe in the place where they live.

It might be because of a war or a natural disaster.

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## A Famous Refugee

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A refugee is a person who leaves the country they live in. They go and live in another country.

Until a person gets refugee status they cannot stay in the new country permanently.

## Why Do People Become Refugees?

People become refugees because they feel unsafe in their home country. This can be because of different reasons, including war or natural disasters. During the Second World War, it is thought that over sixty million people became refugees. It was not safe for them to stay where they lived.



## The Story of a Refugee

Sarin was forced to leave her home in Bangladesh. Her family had to leave because of fighting in the village. They fled in small, wooden boats to Malaysia.

## A Famous Refugee

Mo Farah is a famous runner who has won four Olympic medals. He was born in Somalia.

He came to England when he was eight years old and could speak very little English.



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the Second World War
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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.

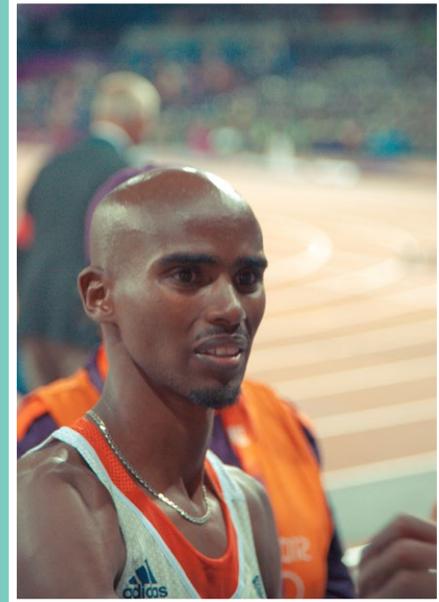


## The Story of a Refugee

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.



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**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.**

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**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.**