

## World Refugee Day

World Refugee Day celebrates the strength and courage of refugees around the world. Read the article to find out more about it.

## Instructions

Do the preparation exercise first. Then read the article and do the other exercises.

## Preparation

Match the definitions (a-j) with the vocabulary (1-10).

### Vocabulary

1. ...g... courage
2. .... cruelly
3. .... a race
4. .... a drought
5. .... a flood
6. .... to get permission
7. .... asylum
8. .... medical help
9. .... a landmark
10. .... a charity

### Definition

- a. a long period when there is little or no rain
- b. to be allowed to do something
- c. safety and protection for people who have to leave their own country
- d. a group of people that share things like skin colour, eye shape, etc.
- e. treatment for people who are ill
- f. an organisation that gives money, food and other things to people who need it
- g. ~~the ability to control your fear in a dangerous or difficult situation~~
- h. an important or famous building, statue, etc.
- i. a large amount of water covering an area that is usually dry
- j. in an extremely unkind way

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Every day, hundreds of people around the world have to leave their homes and look for a new, safe place to live. About half of these people are children. World Refugee Day, on 20 June every year, is a day to support refugees, learn about and understand the problems they have, and celebrate their strength and courage.

### What is a refugee?

A refugee is someone who has to leave their home country because they aren't safe there. This may be because war and violence are happening. It could also be that they are treated unfairly and cruelly because of their race, religion or political beliefs. Some people have to leave their homes because of climate change and natural disasters like droughts or floods.

### How do refugees travel from their homes to a safer country?

When refugees leave their homes, they often have to go on very long and dangerous journeys. Some walk for many days, others travel by lorry, car or boat, and many don't have enough food or water for the journey. Sadly, a lot of refugees don't reach their final destination.

### What happens when refugees reach a safe country?

When refugees arrive in a safe country, they can ask for permission to stay in the new country. People who are waiting to get permission to stay are called 'asylum seekers'. A lot of people have to live in refugee camps while they are waiting. A camp is often like a giant city of tents, with thousands of people living in it. People can get food, clothes and medical help, and some camps even have schools. But many camps are too full, and conditions for refugees can be very bad.

### What happens on World Refugee Day?

The United Nations started World Refugee Day in 2001. Lots of events take place all around the world to celebrate this special day. Some cities light up their landmarks in blue to show their support for refugees. Others have concerts, art exhibitions or food festivals. In many places, there are charity walks, runs, swims and bike rides to raise money for refugees. Walking or running a long way helps us understand how far some refugees have to travel.

Many children learn about the refugee crisis at school and do special projects, for example finding out about someone famous who is or was a refugee. There are lots of different ways to get involved in World Refugee Day! What will you do?

## Tasks

### Task 1

Circle true or false for these sentences.

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| 1. World Refugee Day is celebrated on 20 June every year.   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 2. Refugees are people who leave their home country because they aren't safe.                     | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 3. All refugees arrive safely in a new country.   | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 4. Refugees can ask for permission to stay in a new country.                                      | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 5. People who are waiting to get permission to stay in a new country are called 'asylum seekers'. | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 6. The United Nations started World Refugee Day in 2022.  | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 7. Some cities light buildings up in red to celebrate World Refugee Day.                          | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 8. World Refugee Day is only celebrated in a few cities around the world.                         | <input type="radio"/> True            | <input type="radio"/> False |

### Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

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|-------|-------|------|-------|--------|------|---------|---------|
| camps | homes | wars | money | floods | race | courage | journey |
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- Every day, hundreds of people around the world have to leave their ..... homes.....
- On World Refugee Day, we celebrate the ..... of refugees around the world.
- Many people aren't safe in their countries because of ..... and violence.
- Some people aren't safe because of their ....., religion or political beliefs.
- Some people aren't safe because of natural disasters like droughts and .....
- Many refugees have to go on a long and dangerous ..... to a new country.
- A lot of refugees have to live in .....
- For World Refugee Day, many people walk, run, swim or cycle to raise .....

**Write and draw**

What did you learn about World Refugee Day from the article? Write about it and draw a picture.

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## Answers

### Preparation task

1. g
2. j
3. d
4. a
5. i
6. b
7. c
8. e
9. h
10. f

### Task 1

1. True
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. False
7. False
8. False

### Task 2

1. homes
2. courage
3. wars
4. race
5. floods
6. journey
7. camps
8. money