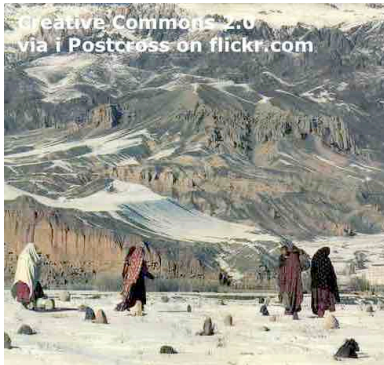


Malala Yousafzai wants open borders for Afghan refugees

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Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai has asked countries around the world to open their borders to Afghan refugees. Malala is worried about the safety of millions of Afghans after the Taliban took over Afghanistan on

August the 15th. Malala is an activist for human rights and comes from Pakistan. She was shot in the head by a Taliban gunman in 2012 because she supported education for girls. She was 15 years old at that time and was on the bus on her way to school. She is now worried that girls in Afghanistan will not receive a proper education. She is also concerned that women in Afghanistan will not have the freedom they have had for the past twenty years.

Ms Yousafzai became the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize winner in 2014 at the age of 17. She has since continued campaigning for the education of women and children. She spoke to the BBC about the situation in Afghanistan. She called recent events "shocking" and said there is now an "urgent humanitarian crisis". She said: "We are living in a world where we're talking about advancements, about equality, about gender equality. We cannot see a country going decades and centuries back." She added: "We have to take some bold [actions] for the protection of women and girls, for the protection of minority groups and for peace and stability in that region."

Sources: [cbsnews.com](https://www.cbsnews.com) / [bbc.com](https://www.bbc.com) / [insideedition.com](https://www.insideedition.com)

Writing

All countries should open their borders to help Afghan refugees. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

Nobel Peace Prize / borders / Afghanistan / safety / activist / education / freedom / winner / 17 / recent events / shocking / humanitarian / crisis / gender equality

True / False

- 1) Malala Yousafzai asked the USA to open its border to Afghan refugees. T / F
- 2) Malala is worried about the safety of millions of Afghans. T / F
- 3) The Taliban shot Malala in 2012. T / F
- 4) Malala worries women will lose the freedom they enjoyed for 20 years. T / F
- 5) Malala won the Nobel Peace Prize when she was 16 years old. T / F
- 6) Malala told the BBC that there is now a humanitarian crisis. T / F
- 7) Malala is worried about Afghanistan going back hundreds of years. T / F
- 8) Malala called for the protection of majority groups in Afghanistan. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. countries | a. liberty |
| 2. worried | b. horrifying |
| 3. activist | c. concerned |
| 4. proper | d. emergency |
| 5. freedom | e. nations |
| 6. continued | f. brave |
| 7. shocking | g. genuine |
| 8. crisis | h. carried on |
| 9. bold | i. area |
| 10. region | j. campaigner |

Discussion – Student A

- a) What do you know about Afghanistan?
- b) What do you think of what is happening in Afghanistan?
- c) What was the last news you heard about Afghanistan?
- d) Who has responsibility for helping Afghan refugees?
- e) What should the U.N. do to help Afghanistan?
- f) What can your country do to help?
- g) What are your biggest fears for the refugees?
- h) What advice do you have for the refugees?

Phrase Match

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|--|----------------------------|
| 1. Nobel Peace Prize | a. for human rights |
| 2. Malala is an activist | b. crisis |
| 3. on her way | c. the past twenty years |
| 4. receive a proper | d. minority groups |
| 5. freedom they have had for | e. equality |
| 6. there is now an urgent humanitarian | f. winner Malala Yousafzai |
| 7. gender | g. in that region |
| 8. going decades and | h. to school |
| 9. the protection of | i. centuries back |
| 10. peace and stability | j. education |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- What do you know about Malala Yousafzai?
- What bold actions does the world need to take?
- How do you think refugees feel?
- Why can't very rich countries do more to help refugees?
- What three adjectives best describe this story?
- What will Afghanistan be like this time next year?
- What questions would you like to ask Malala?

Spelling

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- aecdds and centuries
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- peace and atliysitb
- in that gnorie

Answers – Synonym Match

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

Role Play

Role A – The USA

You think the USA can best help the refugees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties might not be as good. Also, tell the others which might be the least effective of these (and why): Pakistan, charities or the UN.

Role B – Pakistan

You think Pakistan can best help the refugees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties might not be as good. Also, tell the others which might be the least effective of these (and why): the USA, charities or the UN.

Role C – Charities

You think charities can best help the refugees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties might not be as good. Also, tell the others which might be the least effective of these (and why): Pakistan, the USA or the UN.

Role D – The UN

You think the UN can best help the refugees. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them why their parties might not be as good. Also, tell the others which might be the least effective of these (and why): Pakistan, charities or the USA.

Speaking – Help

Rank these with your partner. Put who can best help the refugees at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • The USA | • China |
| • The UN | • Your country |
| • Pakistan | • The Taliban |
| • Charities | • Other _____ |

Answers – True False

1 F	2 T	3 T	4 T	5 F	6 T	7 T	8 F
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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.