



LESSON 5

REFUGEES AND ASYLUM

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WRITE YOUR OWN DEFINITIONS OF:

Persecution

Refugee

Asylum seeker

Persecution Subjecting a person to prolonged hostility and ill-treatment because of who they are or what they think.

Refugee Someone who has left their own country because they are afraid of being persecuted (abused or mistreated) because of their religion, political beliefs or social behaviour. When you are given refugee status by another country you are allowed to live in that country, safe from harm.

Many people consider themselves refugees, and are considered so by others, whether or not they have been officially recognised by the government of the country in which they are seeking asylum.

Asylum seeker A person who has come to another country asking the government to stay there as a refugee. They are waiting to hear whether they are allowed to stay or not.

1 How many refugees do you think there are in the world?

2 What percentage of these do you think are in the UK?

- 1** There are approximately **22.5 million** refugees in the world. That's four times the population of Scotland, almost half the population of England, seven times the population of Wales and more than 10 times the population of Northern Ireland.
- 2** Less than **1%** of the world's refugees are in the UK. Most refugees have fled from one poor country to another and over half of all refugees are women and children.

Source: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR 2016)

DEATH THREAT LETTER

TONIGHT'S THE NIGHT

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YOU ARE DEAD