

READING AND COMPREHENSION ACTIVITY

Read the text and answer the questions below

"I am a refugee"

Hello. My name is Samir and I am a refugee. I am 12 years old. I have 2 brothers and 3 sisters. My dad is a doctor and my mum is a teacher. I am from Aleppo in Syria. Syria is a small country in Asia near the sea. The capital city is Damascus. Aleppo is famous for soap making. I Love my country. But unfortunately, it is not a good place to live in. There is a terrible war. The war started on the 15th of March of 2011.



The 14th of July of 2014 was a very sad day for me and my family. A bomb destroyed my House. My mum, dad, brothers, sisters and I lost everything and didn't have a place to live. We moved to a new country, called Greece, to find a new home. In the new country we were offered to live in a Camp. We believed that this was just a temporary solution but 7 years later, we are still there. Last summer, there was a big fire in the Camp and we lost everything again.

What is a Refugee Camp?



A Refugee camp is an extension of land with many tents to give a temporary home to people escaping from a war situation. People who live in refugee camps are called "refugees". We live in a tent like many other families. In the camp there are only a few toilets and showers that we share. We don't have a bed, we sleep on the floor on a mat. There are no televisions, computers, toys. There is very little food and water. In my Camp there is a very small and basic school. We don't have any tables or chairs or books or notebooks. In winter it gets very cold because there are no heaters.



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1. How old is Samir?
2. Where is he from?
3. Has he got any brothers or sisters?
4. Where is Syria?
5. What happened in July 2014 ?
6. Where is Samir living now?
7. What is a refugee camp?
8. Is there a school in the camp?
9. Where does Samir sleep?
10. Is the war over/finished in Syria?
11. How do you feel after reading about Samir's story? Can you name any emotions in English?