

WHO IS A REFUGEE?



Watch the video here: [link](#)

Use this teaching sheet to teach children basic concepts on refugees, asylum and migration.

First watch this **UNHCR animation film** with your pupils and pay close attention. Then follow the instructions below.

Objective: to understand the term 'refugee' and what it means to be one.

Age group: This lesson is suitable for children aged 12 and over and can be used to teach about this subject in any discipline it may be relevant to.

Duration: 15-20 minutes.

Materials needed: a computer, tablet or phone to watch the video; paper and pen.

1 : After watching the animation film, ask your pupils to take a piece of paper and give them following task:

Write down three short sentences to explain: who is a refugee?

2 : Bring together all answers and read them out to your pupils. Have a discussion and ask the following questions:

Where do refugees come from?

Where do refugees go?

Why are refugees coming to our country?

Can refugees stay in our country?

Are there any refugees living in our community? Which countries do they come from?

3 : Read the following definition of refugee with your pupils and compare to the answers they gave in the first task:

1. A refugee is a person who has **crossed at least one border** / is in **another country**.
2. A refugee left his/her country because he/she was in **in danger** because of war or persecution.
3. A refugee **cannot return** to his/her country without being in danger again.

Next, watch the animation film a second time and pay close attention to the three parts of the definition.

Discuss the concepts of 'war' and 'persecution' based on what you have seen in the film. Why are people persecuted? How are they treated? What is war? Can refugees be sent back?