

Refugee children

Around half of the world's refugees are children under 18 years of age. They often miss school for long periods, in some cases years, which puts them at risk of missing out on education. This can affect them for the rest of their lives.

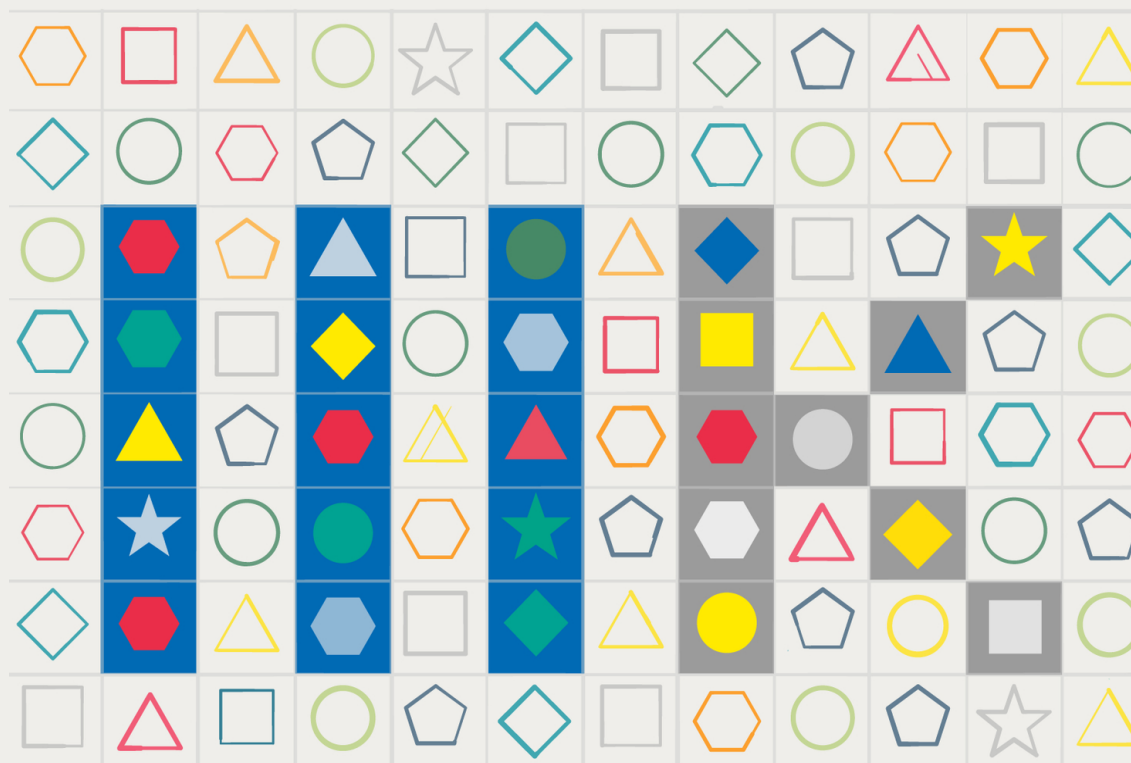
Refugee children often flee with their families but sometimes children get separated from their parents and in some cases, sadly, they even lose their parents.

In 2018, about 111,000 refugee children were living alone without their parents or families.

Ask your pupils how they would feel if they were forced to leave their countries because of war or persecution. What if their parents were unable to join them? What would your pupils do if they were forced to travel to another country by themselves?

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Source: UNHCR Global Trends report, 20 June 2019 (figures reflect situation in 2018).
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