

Good morning Year 6

Coronavirus: What's life like for child refugees living in camps?
18 Jun 2020

Read the extract.

Where is Moira?

How many people live there?

Why are the conditions bad?

How do refugees travel?

Give two adjectives to describe the living conditions in Moira?

Name two charities helping refugees.

LO: to summarise the text to help understanding.

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What's life like for child refugees living in camps?

To summarise the main ideas we would need to skim and scan the text to retrieve the important information.

What makes information important?

What makes this extract tricky to understand?

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What's life like for child refugees living in camps?

The text can get confusing due to:

- numerous countries being discussed
- numerous different people being interviewed
- the different organisations being mentioned
- swapping of formal and informal tone
- captions

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What's life like for child refugees living in camps?

Skim through the text and highlight then list in notes. Watch how I do it.

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Refugee children forced to live in camps with poor conditions face an anxious wait to see if they can avoid the spread of coronavirus.

That's the situation for families living in Moria, a refugee camp on the island of Lesbos in Greece. It's the biggest camp in Europe, 20,000 people live there, including 10,000 children. Many are alone and don't have any parents or adults to help them. In March, after the spread of coronavirus in Europe, Moria was put into lockdown. There are now strict rules about who can go in and who can leave. So far the lockdown has worked and there have been no cases of the virus inside the camp. However, conditions are very bad. The camp is overcrowded and social distancing is impossible. It means the future and safety of people living in Moria is very uncertain.

Who are refugees?

- A refugee is a person who has been forced to leave their country because they are in danger. This can be war, being treated badly because of their beliefs or escaping a natural disaster.
- Refugees leaving their countries often take long journeys by car, lorry, boat or even on foot to get to safety.
- Often refugees gather in places called refugee camps, which are giant camps with many thousands of people living there, often in poor conditions.

Elahe is 13 and lives in the camp at Moria with her family, she says that living there is cramped, dirty and not very nice.

"We live in tents, we don't have enough space to sleep. There is no hygiene here, we stand in a big line to take a shower in cold water.

"We are afraid, it's so bad, I hope we get out of here soon."

Some European countries have promised to evacuate 1,600 children from camps in Lesbos and other Greek islands. But so far, fewer than 100 have been taken to safety. Efforts to control coronavirus in Europe have been blamed for causing a delay in evacuations. There were 16 child refugees from Greece who arrived in the UK last month.

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Your turn.

*Using the whole extract ,
highlight and make notes.*



Thinking together

*What were the main messages
from the news article?*

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What's life like for child refugees living in camps?

Using the notes we have made we are now going to write a summary of the article using no more than 50 words.

LO: *to summarise the text to help understanding.*

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