Welcome back Year 6

Coronavirus: What's life like for child refugees living in camps?
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Read the extract to yourself. Use your reading rulers if needed.

As you read highlight names of people spoken to inside the camps.

Thinking together

What issues are children facing in Greece? Why?

LO: to read a news article with fluency and expression.

I do

Watch how I read these sections of the article. How do I add expression? Which parts? Why?

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.

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."

LO: to read a news article with fluency and expression.

we do

Axel Steier is the founder of the charity Mission Lifeline, which supports and helps people living in the camps.

"For years, thousands of people have been crammed in Moria **like animals.** Despite the promise to evacuate 1,600 children, nothing happened for months," he said.

"The constant fear of Covid-19 has made life very difficult for the people in the camp. While the Corona restrictions in Greece are being relaxed more and more, the lockdown here has been extended once again. We see our mission in confronting the world with the conditions here."

Read with your partner.

Skim through your text and identify where people are giving a statement.

LO: to read a news article with fluency and expression.

you do

Read the whole extract aloud.

Focus on being fluent and adding expression.

Formal tone

Informal tone

LO: to read a news article with fluency and expression.

you do

Now read with your partner.

One paragraph each.

Can you read it with more confidence?