

# Fact #6

**2/3 of all refugees come from only 5 countries**



10 Facts About Refugees

Altogether, more than two-thirds of all refugees worldwide come from just five countries, with Syrian refugees accounting for almost one-third of the world's refugee population, followed by Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar and Somalia. In Somalia, the violent conflict forcing people to flee their homes has lasted for almost 30 years.

# Fact #8

**Half of the world's refugees are children**



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Half of the refugee population worldwide are children and youth below the age of 18, more than 110,000 are separated from their families. In 2018, 27,600 separated and unaccompanied children sought asylum in countries around the world. Forced displacement has severe consequences for children's education opportunities, and currently 3.7 million refugee children are out of school.

# 25 per minute

In 2018 alone, an estimated 13.6 million people had to leave their homes because of conflict or persecution.

That amounts to about 25 people per minute.

Count the number of people in your classroom and imagine that 25 of your classmates had to leave because they were in danger. Ask 25 people to leave the room and count how many are left. How empty would your classroom be?

The total number of people who were forced to leave their homes because of war or persecution stood at 70.8 million in 2018. Some of them had to cross borders to get to safety, some remain in their own country but in a different place. Some are seeking asylum in another country.

Find out who they are on our teaching resources page

[www.unhcr.org/teaching-about-refugees.html](http://www.unhcr.org/teaching-about-refugees.html)

**In Syria alone, more than 6.6 million people have fled, seeking safety in Lebanon, Turkey, Jordan and beyond.**

**13 million**

The number of child refugees in the world



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

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# Refugee children

**111,000** refugee children were living alone, without parents or families, in **2018**

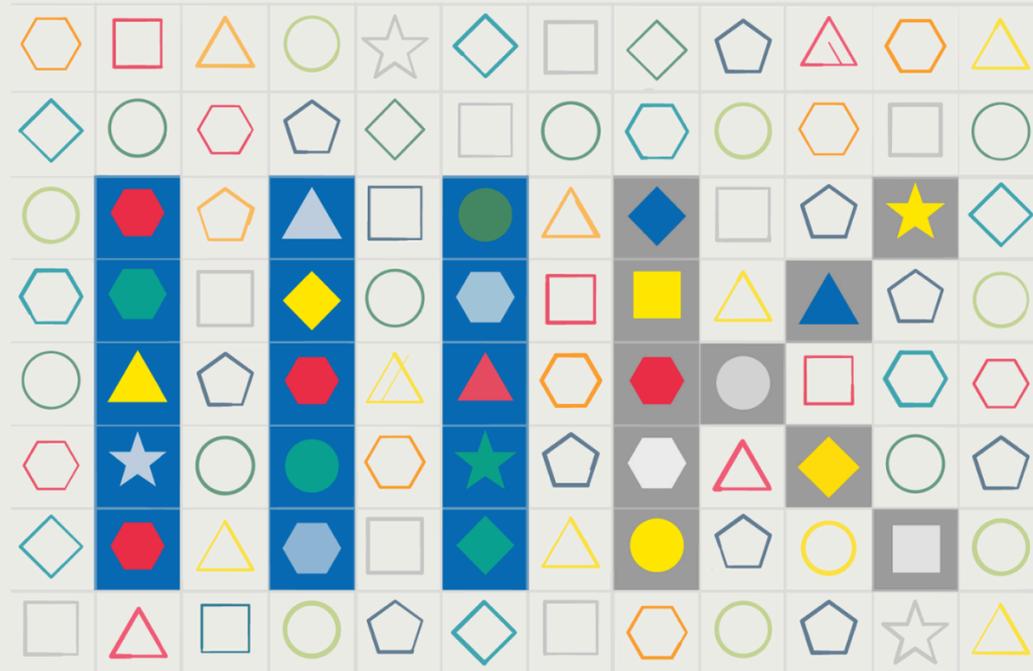
Around half of the world's refugees are children under 18 years of age. They often miss school for long periods, in some cases years, which puts them at risk of missing out on education. This can affect them for the rest of their lives.

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.

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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?

Find out more about refugee children in our eye-openers on [www.unhcr.org/teaching-about-refugees.html#facts](http://www.unhcr.org/teaching-about-refugees.html#facts)



# 37,000 per day

In 2018 alone, an estimated 13.6 million people had to leave their homes because of conflict or persecution.

**That amounts to about 37,000 people every day.**

Ask your pupils to look up the capacity of a local sports stadium, music venue or another location capable of hosting large groups of people. Ask them how many times 37,000 people would fit in the venue. If you or your pupils visit the venue, ask yourself: how full would the venue be if one day, 37,000 people would arrive?

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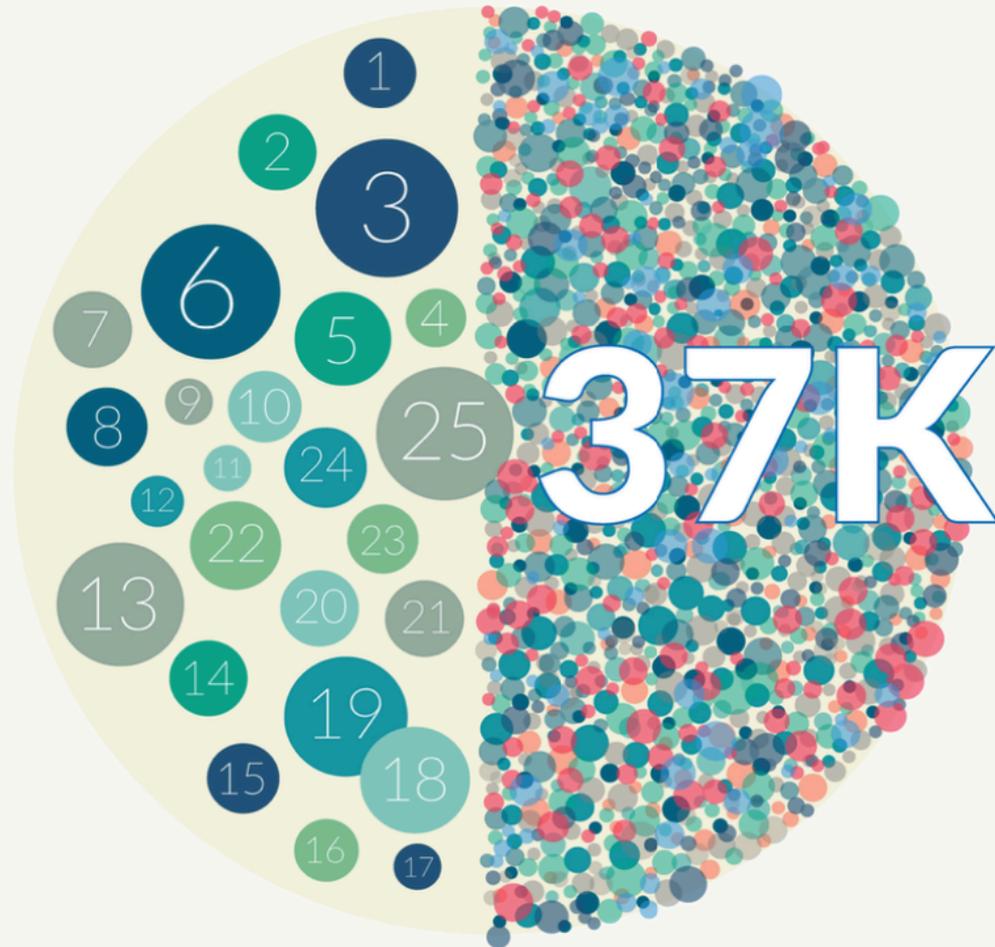
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## EVERY MINUTE

25 people are forced to flee

## EACH DAY

37,000 people are forced to flee their homes



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