

Malala Yousafzai

What Was Malala's Childhood Like?

Malala Yousafzai was born on the 12th of July 1997 in Pakistan. She lived with her parents and two brothers in a city called Mingora. She loved going to the local school set up by her father.



What Problems Did She Face?



In 2007, life in Pakistan began to change. Girls were no longer allowed to go to school and women were no longer allowed to go to work. Some places in Pakistan became unsafe places to live and many people fled.

Why Is She Important?

Malala stands up for women and girls and fights for their lives to be better. When she was only 11 years old, Malala gave her first speech about schools for girls in Pakistan being closed. She began to write a blog describing what life was like. She used a secret name and wrote over 35 entries in three months. Her work caused people to pay attention to what was happening in Pakistan.

In 2012, when Malala was only 15 years old, she was injured as she travelled home from school. She was flown to Birmingham, England, to go to the hospital. People were very upset about what happened to her and began to read about what she believes in.



What Awards Did She Get?

Malala continues to live and go to school in England and she works hard to support causes around the world. She set up a charity to help girls all over the world to go to school and she has won many awards. In 2014, she was the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize because of her courage and determination.



Questions

1. In what month was Malala born? Tick **one**.
 - September
 - April
 - July
 - March
2. Where did Malala love to go? Tick **one**.
 - shopping
 - walking
 - school
 - swimming
3. Where did Malala go to the hospital in England? Tick **one**.
 - Manchester
 - Birmingham
 - London
 - Leeds
4. Number the events below to show what order they appear in the text.
 - Malala won a Nobel Prize.
 - Malala was attacked on her way home from school.
 - Malala gave her first speech.
 - Malala enjoyed going to school in Mingora.
 - Malala was flown to England.
5. Find and copy one word that shows that Malala was brave.