

## Silver reading:

# Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai is a young woman who is best known for fighting for the rights of women and girls everywhere to have an education. She is currently studying at university while campaigning for girls' education across the world.

## Early Life

Malala Yousafzai was born on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July 1997 in Pakistan. She lived with her parents and two brothers in a city called Mingora in the Swat Valley. She loved going to the local school, Khushal Girls High School, which was set up by her father.



## Fighting for Education



Malala stands up for women and girls and fights for their lives to be better. When she was only 11 years old, she gave her first speech about girls' schools 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. They began to read about what she believes in and became interested in helping the women and girls in Pakistan. In 2013, just after she had turned 16 years old, Malala gave a speech in front of many powerful leaders about her beliefs.

## Achievements

Due to her courage and determination, Malala has won many awards. The president of Pakistan, Asif Ali Zardari, created an education fund in her honour and she also achieved Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize. The award was renamed the National Malala Peace Prize. In 2014, she was the youngest person to win the Nobel Peace Prize.



# Questions

1. How many brothers does Malala have? Tick **one**.

- one
- two
- three
- four

2. Who set up Kushal Girls High School? Tick **one**.

- Malala Yousafzai
- Malala's mother
- President Asif Ali Zardari
- Malala's father

3. Draw a line to match the year to the event. One has been done for you.

Things began to change in Pakistan.	2007
Malala was injured on her way from home.	2014
Malala gave a speech in front of powerful leaders.	2012
Malala won a Nobel Prize.	2013

4. Which two words describe how people felt about Malala's injuries? Tick **two**.

- worried
- upset
- angry
- surprised

5. Where was Malala flown when she was injured?

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6. Fill in the missing words.

Malala continues to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in England.

7. Why do you think the President of Pakistan created an education fund in Malala's honour?

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8. Why do you think Malala has won so many awards?

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