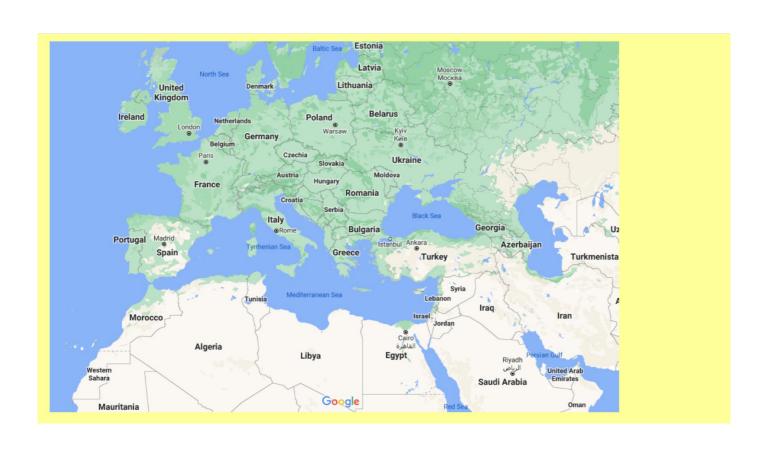


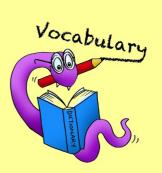


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Refugees





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Once, in Damascus Syria, there was a swimmer called Yusra. Every day, she and her sister trained with her dad at the local swimming pool. Syria was at war, and one day a bomb was dropped on the swimming pool. Luckily, Yusra was not there at the time.

Shortly afterwards, her house was destroyed by another bomb. It was another narrow escape. All of a sudden, Yusra and her family had nothing left and nowhere to live, so they decided to flee the country. Yusra had heard that Germany was a good place for swimmers. The journey was a long and getting there would be hard, but that did not put Yusra off. She and her sister joined a group of other refugees for a month long journey across several countries and then on board a rubber dinghy to the island of Lesbos.

The boat was only meant for 6 or 7 people. There were twenty crammed aboard. Suddenly, the motor broke down. "We can't die at sea," Yusra thought. "We are swimmers!" And so she jumped into the water with her sister and another boy. They kicked and swam and dragged and pushed the boat for more than three hours until they finally reached the shore.

When they reached Germany she found a swimming club and in 2016 was part of the first refugee team ever to compete in the Olympics

- A Yusra's family decided to flee Syria
- B Yusra was part of the first ever refugee team in the Olympics
- C The refugee boat broke down and Yusra helped bring people to safety.
- D Yusra's house was destroyed by a bomb
- E Civil war started in Syria
- F Yusra and her family started a month long journey to escape to Germany
 - 6 Yusra was born

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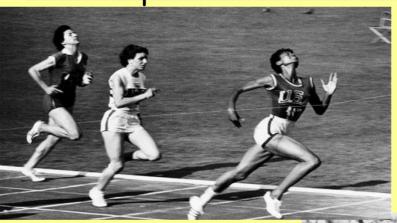
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