

# SIMPLE ACTS

## Refugee History and Heritage Quiz



Refugees are ordinary people caught up in extraordinary situations. Peel back the label and you find people like you and me with gifts and talents, willing to work and contribute to our society - if we just give them a chance.



So why not put your understanding to the test and give our 14 simple questions a go? You might discover something that surprises you...

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## 1. An asylum seeker is

- \* A foreign vegetable
- \* Someone who travels around the world to claim benefits
- \* Someone who claims to be a refugee but isn't
- \* Someone who is an illegal immigrant
- \* Someone who applies for refugee status on the basis that they are fleeing war and persecution

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Answer:

Someone who applies for refugee status on the basis that they are fleeing war and persecution

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2. A refugee is someone who is...

- \* Genuinely fleeing the war whilst an asylum seeker isn't
- \* Another category of an illegal immigrant
- \* A foreign vegetable
- \* Just a different term for an asylum seeker
- \* Someone whose application for asylum status has been accepted as genuine by the British Government



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Answer

Someone whose application for asylum status has been accepted as genuine by the British Government

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3. When did the first refugees come to the UK?

- \* January 1945
- \* In 1685 - when Huguenots fled to Britain to escape persecution of Louis XIV
- \* During the WWII
- \* 208AD
- \* In 1938 - following the 'Kristallnacht' the Nazis staged against the Jews in Germany



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Answer



208AD! We're proud to see that we have been offering sanctuary for thousands of years! - Tribespeople in what is modern day Scotland were forced to flee south of Hadrian's wall, seeking the protection of the Romans.

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4. Do you know what refugees and migrants used to be called in the 1700s?

- \* The French
- \* Foreigners
- \* Aliens
- \* Non British
- \* Jobs thieves



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Answer

Aliens - because they came from a different place. Migrants first had to tell the government they were coming into Britain in 1793.

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5. What did a young Jewish boy called Joseph Malin invent?

- \* Telephone
- \* Computers
- \* Fried fish
- \* Fish and chips
- \* Steam locomotive

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The Portuguese gave us fried fish, the Belgians invented chips but 150 years ago an East End boy united them to create fish and chips!

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6. Pop star MIA came to England after her family escaped a civil war. Where was this war?

- \* Balkan War of the 1990's
- \* Sri Lankan Civil War
- \* WWII
- \* The War in Iraq
- \* Intergalactic War of the World

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Sri Lankan Civil War - Beginning on 23 July 1983, this war has lasted over 25 years! It has caused extreme hardships for the people of Sri Lanka, and many people have died in the conflict.

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7. Pop star Rita Ora and former Chelsea footballer Mario Stanic both experienced the same conflict. What was it?

- \* Yugoslav war
- \* The French Revolution
- \* Soviet Revolution
- \* Spanish Civil War
- \* Rwanda's Civil War

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Yugoslav war, which lasted from 1991 to 1999 and included the Kosovo War of 1998 to 1999. Rita Ora moved to Britain when she was one year old (in 1991).

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8. Do you know under which name over 10000 Jewish children were saved after fleeing the Nazis just before WWII started, and post Kristallnacht?

- \* The Great Rescue
- \* Kindertransport
- \* St Louis (transatlantic liner sailing from Hamburg, Germany, for Havana, Cuba.
- \* Welcome to Britain
- \* Oskar Schindler's list



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Kinderttransport - "*Kinderttransport*" can be translated as "Children's Transport". It brought thousands of refugee Jewish children to safety in Great Britain from Nazi Germany between 1938 and 1940.


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9. In 1936 4000 refugee children from another European country arrived in the UK. Who or what where they fleeing?

- \* General Franco's fascist army
- \* Austrian authorities
- \* An earthquake in Romania
- \* Stalin constitution in Soviet Union
- \* Eastern European coldest winter in 1000 years

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## Answer



General Franco's fascist army - Some 4,000 Basque refugee children fleeing General Franco's fascism in the Spanish Civil War arrived in the UK. There was huge public sympathy for the children who were housed initially in a large camp near Southampton. One of the children of this group is the Conservative politician, Michael Portillo.

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10. Karibu Scotland(karibu means welcome in Swahili) designed a new item of clothing to celebrate and support African women in Scotland. What was it?

- \* A coat
- \* Silk
- \* A hat
- \* A wedding dress
- \* A tartan

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### Answer

A tartan – Karibu Scotland was set-up in 2004 by Henriette Koubakouenda in her living room in Glasgow!

Henriette wanted to support and welcome the refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Glasgow. The tartan was registered in 2012.

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11. Sir Alec Issigonis, a son of a refugee, came up with a symbol of 'British cool', which was...

- \* Tate Modern
- \* The refrigerator
- \* Irish flute
- \* Movie projector
- \* Mini - the car

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The mini (car) - Sir Alec Issigonis - was of Greek-British background and designed the mini to help with a fuel shortage caused by the 1956 Suez Crisis.

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12. The Palace of Westminster is the meeting place of Parliament in London. It has a 'refugee' link, what is it?

- \* The Prime Minister is the son of a refugee
- \* The first fish & chip shop in London was set up in Westminster
- \* The Westminster clock 'Big Ben' was designed by a refugee
- \* A refugee was elected Prime Minister in 1966
- \* The court dress worn by the Lord Speaker was made by a Huguenot refugee





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The clock tower known as Big Ben was designed by Charles Barry and Augustus Pugin. Augustus Pugin was the son of a refugee who came to Britain in 1789 to escape the French revolution.

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13. Hampton Court Palace was one of King Henry VIII's homes and a famous landmark. It was partly designed by a refugee. Who was the refugee?

- \* Daniel Marot
- \* Anish Kapoor
- \* Christopher Wren
- \* Paddington Bear
- \* Freddie Mercury

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Answer

Daniel Marot – a Huguenot refugee who fled France in 1685 with his family. Daniel Marot designed the gardens of Hampton Court Palace.


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14. What percentage of the world's refugee population lives in the UK?

- \* 60%
- \* About 2 per cent
- \* Just over 35%
- \* 12%
- \* 49%

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Answer



Just 2 per cent of the world refugee population lives in the UK. Pakistan hosts the highest number of refugees and 80% of world refugees reside in developing countries.

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