

Project: Welcoming refugees

Task 1: Read the text. How do you think a refugee of your age feels?

Refugee (noun)

A refugee is a person who has to leave their country because of war, a natural disaster like an earthquake, or another danger. At the moment there are more than 50 million refugees in the world and many of these are children.

Sometimes groups of refugees go to live in another country far away from their homes. They have to leave their belongings behind and start a new life with nothing. This means finding a new home, making new friends, starting a new school and learning a new language.

Travelling to another country for a holiday is exciting and fun ... but being a refugee can be frightening and lonely.

Task 2: Read the project task. Then follow the steps to do your project in groups.

Project task

A group of refugee children are coming to live in your town. They are the same age as you. They can't speak your language but some of them can speak English. They don't know much about life in your town and they don't know anybody. This is an opportunity for the refugees and also for you and your friends to find out about a new culture.

You are going to plan some activities to welcome the children to your town, to help them make new friends and to share useful information. Follow the steps to complete your project.

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1. Get started

You are going to work in groups of four to complete your project.

Choose a name for your group.

2. Plan

Think of 3–5 activities for your new friends. Here are some ideas to help:

- Finding your way around town
- Daily life (for a child of your age)
- Free-time activities
- A welcome party
- Your school
- A 'getting to know each other' activity
- Useful information
- Other

After choosing some activities, think about the details. Some of these questions can help: When? Where? Who? What? How?

3. Research

If you can, find out any information that you need for your activities, e.g. after-school clubs in the area, transport times, etc.

4. Prepare

Write ideas for each activity.

Draw pictures or find images (photos, maps, etc.)

Design your poster on a piece of paper.

5. Do

Make a poster to present your ideas. Decide which information to include. Then add texts and pictures. Write a heading on your poster.

6. Practise

You are going to present your ideas to the class. Practise first! Decide who is going to speak first, second, third and fourth. Ask your teacher if you need help.

7. Present

Present your ideas to the class. Take turns to speak. Use the poster to help you explain your ideas. Answer questions from your classmates.