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## **Malala Yousafzai flown to U.K. hospital**

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# THE ARTICLE

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Malala has been campaigning since she was 11. [Wikipedia](#) says of her: "She is known for her education and women's rights activism in the Swat Valley, where the Taliban has at times banned girls from attending school. In early 2009, at the age of 11, Yousafzai came to prominence through a blog she wrote for the BBC detailing her life under the Taliban regime...and her views on promoting education for girls." It added: "She has...been nominated for the International Children's Peace Prize by Desmond Tutu, and has won Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize." Former U.K. prime minister Gordon Brown has started an online petition called "[I am Malala](#)," campaigning for the rights of 61 million children to go to school.

# WARM-UPS

**1. SCHOOL FOR ALL CHILDREN:** Walk around the class and talk to other students about school for all children. Change partners and share your findings often.

**2. CHAT:** In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

*shot in the head / specialist care / seriously wounded / education for girls / skull / campaigning / women's rights / prominence / Children's Peace Prize / petition*

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

**3. SAVE THE CHILDREN:** How can we help the world's children? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	What could you do today to help?	What should governments do?
No education		
Slave labour		
Malnutrition		
Child soldiers		
Sex trade		
Gangs		

**4. EDUCATION FOR ALL:** Students A **strongly** believe all children will go to school one day; Students B **strongly** believe things will continue as they are. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

**5. HELP MALALA:** How can we best help Malala? Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often.

- pray for her
- send her a present
- donate to build her girl's school
- petition your government to help
- share her story on Facebook, Twitter, etc.
- sign the "I am Malala" petition
- hold a charity event for her
- other \_\_\_\_\_

**6. EDUCATION FOR GIRLS:** Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the idea 'education for girls'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

# BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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**1. TRUE / FALSE:** Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- |  |       |
|--|-------|
| a. A young Pakistani activist is being looked after at a British hospital.   | T / F |
| b. The girl was shot in the head while waiting for a bus.                    | T / F |
| c. She and her family are in danger if she continues her campaign.           | T / F |
| d. The hospital she is in specializes in treating gunshot wounds.            | T / F |
| e. Malala started campaigning for girls' education two years ago.            | T / F |
| f. Malala became famous after starting a blog for CNN.                       | T / F |
| g. She won the International Children's Peace Prize last year.               | T / F |
| h. A former British leader has started an online petition supporting Malala. | T / F |

**2. SYNONYM MATCH:** Match the following synonyms from the article.

- |               |                  |
|---------------|------------------|
| 1. specialist | a. prohibited    |
| 2. wounded    | b. singled out   |
| 3. targeted   | c. ex-           |
| 4. urgent     | d. cared for     |
| 5. treated    | e. expert        |
| 6. banned     | f. fame          |
| 7. prominence | g. high-priority |
| 8. regime     | h. appeal        |
| 9. former     | i. injured       |
| 10. petition  | j. rule          |

**3. PHRASE MATCH:** (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- |   |                             |
|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. specialist                             | a. from attending school    |
| 2. promote                                | b. wounds                   |
| 3. Malala needs urgent treatment for a    | c. through a blog she wrote |
| 4. gunshot                                | d. activism                 |
| 5. treated hundreds of soldiers returning | e. damaged skull            |
| 6. women's rights                         | f. U.K. prime minister      |
| 7. banned girls                           | g. injured from Afghanistan |
| 8. Yousafzai came to prominence           | h. an online petition       |
| 9. Former                                 | i. care                     |
| 10. Gordon Brown has started              | j. education for girls      |

# WHILE READING / LISTENING

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**GAP FILL:** Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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*promote*  
*returning*  
*rights*  
*skull*  
*specialist*  
*urgent*  
*seriously*  
*gunshot*

Malala has been (9) \_\_\_\_\_ since she was 11. Wikipedia says of her: "She is known for her education and women's rights (10) \_\_\_\_\_ in the Swat Valley, where the Taliban has at times (11) \_\_\_\_\_ girls from attending school. In early 2009, at the age of 11, Yousafzai came to prominence through a blog she wrote for the BBC (12) \_\_\_\_\_ her life under the Taliban regime...and her (13) \_\_\_\_\_ on promoting education for girls." It added: "She has...been (14) \_\_\_\_\_ for the International Children's Peace Prize by Desmond Tutu, and has won Pakistan's first National Youth Peace Prize." (15) \_\_\_\_\_ U.K. prime minister Gordon Brown has started an online (16) \_\_\_\_\_ called "I am Malala," campaigning for the rights of 61 million children to go to school.

*detailing*  
*former*  
*banned*  
*petition*  
*campaigning*  
*views*  
*activism*  
*nominated*

## LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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**1. WORD SEARCH:** Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'promote' and 'education'.

<b>promote</b>	<b>education</b>
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS:** Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

**3. GAP FILL:** In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

**4. VOCABULARY:** Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

**5. TEST EACH OTHER:** Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• head</li><li>• care</li><li>• targeted</li><li>• still</li><li>• urgent</li><li>• Afghanistan</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• activism</li><li>• banned</li><li>• 2009</li><li>• nominated</li><li>• won</li><li>• 61</li></ul>
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# SCHOOL FOR ALL CHILDREN SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about school for all children in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

# SCHOOL FOR ALL CHILDREN DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the term 'education for girls'?
- c) How equal is education in your country?
- d) What do you know about Malala?
- e) What do you think of Malala?
- f) What do you think of what happened to her?
- g) Do you think she will win her campaign to get education for all girls in Pakistan?
- h) Has her story increased the likelihood of education for all girls happening in Pakistan?
- i) How does school change lives?
- j) How would the world be different if all children in the world went to school?

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# SCHOOL FOR ALL CHILDREN DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article?
- b) How good or bad was your school?
- c) Do you ever think how lucky you are to have had an education?
- d) If access to education is a basic human right, why do so many children not have an education?
- e) Should sanctions be placed on countries that do not provide education for all?
- f) Why is education for girls non-existent in many countries?
- g) How many people will you share the "I am Malala" link with on Facebook, Twitter, etc?
- h) What do you see Malala doing ten years from now?
- i) What advice do you have for Malala?
- j) What questions would you like to ask Malala?

# LANGUAGE – MULTIPLE CHOICE

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**Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.**

- |     |               |               |                |                    |
|-----|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------------|
| 1.  | (a) specials  | (b) specially | (c) specialist | (d) specialization |
| 2.  | (a) as        | (b) was       | (c) has        | (d) is             |
| 3.  | (a) by        | (b) of        | (c) at         | (d) in             |
| 4.  | (a) urgent    | (b) insistent | (c) extremely  | (d) desperation    |
| 5.  | (a) after     | (b) followed  | (c) imitated   | (d) obeyed         |
| 6.  | (a) returns   | (b) returnee  | (c) return     | (d) returning      |
| 7.  | (a) to        | (b) at        | (c) of         | (d) by             |
| 8.  | (a) any       | (b) some      | (c) all        | (d) at             |
| 9.  | (a) came      | (b) went      | (c) gone       | (d) been           |
| 10. | (a) over      | (b) under     | (c) via        | (d) though         |
| 11. | (a) Farther   | (b) Former    | (c) Bygone     | (d) Preceding      |
| 12. | (a) partition | (b) potion    | (c) petition   | (d) potential      |

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# HOMework

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET:** Search the Internet and find out more about Malala Yousafzai. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. SCHOOL FOR ALL CHILDREN:** Make a poster about children's lack of education around the world. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

**4. MALALA YOUSAFZAI:** Write a magazine article about Malala Yousafzai. Include an imaginary interview with her.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

**5. LETTER:** Write a letter to a world education expert. Ask him/her three questions about why 61 million children have no education. Give her/him three suggestions on how to turn this figure around. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

# ANSWERS

## TRUE / FALSE:

a. T      b. F      c. T      d. T      e. F      f. F      g. F      h. T

## SYNONYM MATCH:

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|---------------|------------------|
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| 6. banned     | f. prohibited    |
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| 8. regime     | h. rule          |
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| 9. Former                                 | i. U.K. prime minister      |
| 10. Gordon Brown has started              | j. an online petition       |

## GAP FILL:

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## LANGUAGE WORK

1 - c    2 - a    3 - a    4 - a    5 - b    6 - d    7 - c    8 - d    9 - a    10 - b    11 - b    12 - c