

During-reading questions

Write the answers to these questions in your notebook.

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Where was Malala Yousafzai born?
- 2 How many brothers does Malala have?
- 3 Why did a war begin in the Swat Valley?
- 4 Why did Malala go to school in secret?
- 5 Why did the Taliban leave the Swat Valley?
- 6 What happened to Malala on the school bus?

CHAPTER TWO

- 1 What are the names of Malala's parents?
- 2 Why did Malala's mother not stay at school?
- 3 Why did Ziauddin want to open a school?
- 4 Where was Ziauddin's first school?
- 5 When was Malala born?
- 6 What did Malala see at the rubbish mountain?

CHAPTER THREE

- 1 What happened on 11th September 2001?
- 2 What did the American army do?
- 3 Why did the people of the Swat Valley need help?
- 4 Why did some teachers stop teaching girls?

CHAPTER FOUR

- 1 Why was school a good place for Malala?
- 2 Who did Malala and her father speak to about the war?
- 3 Why did Malala and her brothers often wake up in the night?
- 4 Who asked Malala to write about living in the Swat Valley with the Taliban?
- 5 Why did Malala and her family leave the Swat Valley?

CHAPTER FIVE

- 1 Who cleaned Mingora after the war?
- 2 Why were the children of Mingora happy?
- 3 Where were many of the Taliban now?
- 4 The Taliban came back to the Swat Valley. Who did they kill?

CHAPTER SIX

- 1 Why did Malala get a lot of prizes?
- 2 What did Malala do with the money from the National Youth Peace Prize?
- 3 Why did Malala go to hospital in an ambulance?
- 4 How long was Malala in hospital in Birmingham for?

CHAPTER SEVEN

- 1 What did Malala do on her sixteenth birthday?
- 2 What did Malala get in 2014?
- 3 What does Malala do on her birthday every year?

After-reading questions

- 1 Why did the Taliban make Malala and her father angry?
- 2 How did the Swat Valley change because of the war?
- 3 Why did two men from the Taliban shoot Malala?
- 4 What do you think about Malala and her father?
- 5 What do you think about Malala's story?

Exercises

CHAPTER ONE

- 1 Match the words with their definitions in your notebook.

Example: 1 – b

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|--------------|---|
| 1 extremists | a not frightened |
| 2 unfair | b These people have very strong ideas. |
| 3 brave | c to hurt or kill someone with a gun |
| 4 in secret | d nobody knows about it |
| 5 shoot | e not right, because not everyone can have the same thing |

CHAPTER TWO

- 2 Are these sentences *true* or *false*? Write the correct answers in your notebook.

- 1 School was very difficult for Malala's father.*true*....
- 2 Malala's mother did not stay at school.
- 3 There was a flood at the Malala Education Academy.
- 4 Malala and her family lived in Mingora.
- 5 Malala did not like going to her grandparents' village.

CHAPTER THREE

- 3 Write the correct adjective in your notebook.

- 1 On 11th September 2001, a **brave** / **terrible** thing happened.
- 2 People in Pakistan were **angry** / **unfair** about the American bombs in Afghanistan.
- 3 There was an earthquake and it was **difficult** / **easy** to get food and water to people.
- 4 Many people were **frightened** / **happy** of the Taliban.
- 5 Things were very **bad** / **quiet** in the Swat Valley.

CHAPTER FOUR

- 4 Complete these sentences in your notebook, using the words from the box.

secret religion stories army girls bombs

- 1 The Taliban spoke about *religion*, but it was different to the people's Islam.
- 2 The Pakistan arrived in the Swat Valley and they looked for the Taliban.
- 3 Malala and her best friend, Moniba, wrote
- 4 Sometimes hit the ground very close to Malala's home.
- 5 Malala sent her work to the BBC in
- 6 The Taliban stopped all going to school.

- 5 Look at the picture on page 35, and answer the questions in your notebook.

- 1 Who are they?
- 2 When is this?
- 3 Why are they crying?

CHAPTER FIVE

- 6 Complete the sentences in your notebook with the past simple form of the verb.

- 1 Malala's family *lived* (**live**) in four different towns in two months.
- 2 After the war, Malala's school (**open**) again.
- 3 The Taliban (**wait**) in the mountains close to the Swat Valley.
- 4 Things in Mingora (**are**) not the same as before.
- 5 Many trees in the valley (**die**) because of the war.
- 6 The Taliban (**come**) back to the Swat Valley.

CHAPTER SIX

7 Correct these sentences in your notebook.

- 1 Malala got a lot of books for being brave.

*Example: Malala got a lot of **prizes** for being brave.*

- 2 Many schools in Pakistan now had “Ziauddin” in their names.
- 3 The religion of the Taliban was the same as the religion of Pakistan.
- 4 The Taliban put a video on the internet – they wanted to help Malala.
- 5 The night before her first exam, Malala went to bed early.
- 6 The doctors moved Malala to a hospital in London, in England.

CHAPTER SEVEN

8 Write short answers to these questions in your notebook.

- 1 Did Malala’s family live in Birmingham now? *Yes, they did...*
- 2 Did Malala speak at the United Nations in New York?
- 3 Was Atal interested in listening to Malala?
- 4 Could the Taliban stop Malala?
- 5 Did Malala study at the University of Cambridge?

Project work

- 1 Imagine you are Malala Yousafzai. Think about your time in the Swat Valley with the Taliban. Write a one-week diary of that time.
- 2 In this book, you read about Pakistan. Find out more about the country. Make a poster about it. Draw some pictures for your poster.
- 3 In this book, you read about Malala's story. Find out about Malala today.
 - Where does she live?
 - What job does she do?
 - How old is she this year? What did she do on her birthday?
 - Does she help other people? How does she help them?
- 4 Write about this book. Did you like it? Did you like the people in it? Why/Why not?
- 5 Go online and read about Birmingham, England. Then, write a letter from Malala to her friend Moniba. In your letter, tell Moniba about living in Birmingham. Tell her about the place, the people and the food.
- 6 Draw pictures of these people from the book. Then write two sentences about each person to go with their picture.

Malala	Ziauddin	Toor Pekai
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- 7 What do you think of this sentence? Why?
'One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.'

Glossary

American (adj. and n.)

An *American* is someone from the United States of America. Something is *American* when it comes from the United States of America.

BBC (n.)

(= British Broadcasting Corporation) The BBC makes TV and radio.

be born (v.)

A baby comes out from its mother's body. It *is born*.

become (past simple: *became*) (v.)
to start to be something

bomb (v. and n.)

People *bomb* buildings or other people. *Bombs* come down from a plane and hit buildings or people on the ground.

brave (adj.)

A *brave* person is not frightened.

brick (n.)

You build a wall or house with *bricks*.

dangerous (adj.)

A *dangerous* thing can hurt you.

earthquake (n.)

In an *earthquake*, the ground moves. Buildings sometimes fall down and people die.

exam (n.)

You have *exams* at school. You write answers to some questions.

extremist (n. and adj.)

An *extremist* has very strong ideas. An *extremist* group sometimes hurts or kills people because of these ideas.

flood (n.)

In a *flood* a lot of water goes over land or buildings.

in secret (phr.)

You do something *in secret*, and no one knows about it.

Islam (n.); **Islamic** (adj.)

Islamic people believe in *Islam* (= a religion). They learn and follow Muhammad's ideas.

Islamist (adj.)

believing very strongly in the ideas and laws of Islam

metal (n.)

We make money, cars, knives, forks, etc. with *metal*.

mountain (n.)

A *mountain* is very high. People climb *mountains*. You can also make a *mountain* of things. The Swat Valley has a *mountain* of rubbish.

Nobel Peace Prize (n.)

People get the *Nobel Peace Prize* because they try to stop fighting in the world.

operation (n.)

A doctor does an *operation*. The doctor cuts open a person's body and takes something out or makes it better.

Quran (n.)

The *Quran* is a book. It is the most important book for Muslims (= Islamic people).

rubbish (n.)

things you do not want

shoot (past simple: *shot*) (v.)

You *shoot* with a gun because you want to hurt or kill someone.

support (v.)

to try and help someone

terrible (adj.)

very bad

unfair (adj.)

not right, because everyone cannot do or have the same thing

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