

People in the story

Trevor Baynham: a journalist

Safi: a schoolgirl who enjoys writing

Jay: Safi's older brother

Zoë: Safi's best friend

Freddie: a young boy who is good at football

Lucy: Freddie's cousin

Mr Crane: a football agent

Maya: a student who wants to be a teacher

Maya's father: a businessman

Janice Tucker: Maya's ex-teacher in her home country

David Morgan: Maya's teaching supervisor in England

BEFORE YOU READ



- 1 Look at the cover and the title. Answer the question.

What do you think the two worlds are?

(sample) Where someone was born and where someone moves to.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Before you read* on page 4.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the summary of Chapter 2 with the words in the box.

Safi (x3)	Jay	headmaster
parents	mum	Zoë (x2)

1 *Safi* lives with her parents and brother, 2 *Jay*. Her best friend is 3 *Zoë* and their families are good friends. On Safi's 4 *mother*'s birthday, everyone arranges a surprise picnic to celebrate. Safi's family and 5 *Zoë*'s family have a wonderful time together. But on the last day of school term, everything changes. Some boys from 6 *Safi*'s class throw stones at her. Safi's 7 *headmaster* sends a letter to 8 *Safi*'s parents to say that she isn't allowed to go to school. Safi doesn't understand what is happening, but suddenly Zoë's 9 *parents* won't allow Zoë to speak to her any more.

- 3 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- 1 Safi's funny poem is about a tiger. F
- 2 Because of the situation, children are not allowed to go out alone. T
- 3 Safi is doing extremely well at her new school. F
- 4 Freddie loves joking with Safi. T
- 5 Freddie's birthday party is held at Safi's home. F

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Safi likes elephants c
 - 2 Zoë spends time with some boys d
 - 3 Safi doesn't enjoy her new school a
 - 4 Safi thinks that Freddie's party isn't a good idea b
- a because she cannot understand English.
b when she sees him crying.
c because everyone knows that they can remember things.
d although they behave in a bad way towards her best friend.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 How do Safi's neighbours change?
They are teaching their children to hate.
- 2 What does Safi take with her when she leaves the village with her mum?
A school bag shaped like an elephant.
- 3 Where do Safi and her mum go after they run away?
To a refugee camp.
- 4 Compare Safi's life in her home country and in London.
London is dark and grey and people are in a hurry. The village has beautiful spring sunshine and people are very friendly.

LOOKING FORWARD

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6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next chapter.

- 1 Freddie's parents ask him to return to his home country.
- 2 Freddie becomes a famous footballer.
- 3 Freddie starts a football team at the community centre.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 33.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

Lucy	villagers	Freddie (x2)	Freddie's parents
Trevor	Mr Crane (x2)		

- 1 Freddie wants to become a famous footballer.
- 2 Mr Crane searches for good young football players.
- 3 Freddie's parents don't seem interested in the football academy.
- 4 Some villagers collect money for Freddie's training.
- 5 Freddie wants to go to the football academy.
- 6 Mr Crane takes the 3,000 euros and disappears.
- 7 Trevor gives Freddie some money and a business card.
- 8 Lucy is the person Freddie writes to about his problems.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Freddie lives in a *football academy* / *small village*.
- 2 Freddie dreams of becoming famous because he wants to *be rich* / *look after his parents*.
- 3 The hotel manager tells Freddie to leave because he *has no money* / *is alone*.
- 4 Freddie asks Trevor to *find his parents for him* / *let him stay at his house*.
- 5 His condition *improves* / *gets worse* at the hospital.
- 6 Safi's mum gives Freddie a *bag* / *a hug* for his birthday.

4 What do the underlined words refer to in these sentences from the text?

- 1 When I think about this I get very excited. (page 34)
becoming a professional footballer
- 2 I've heard that this is where he sends the best young football players. (page 35) ...an academy somewhere in Europe...
- 3 But I couldn't tell them the truth. (page 46)
.....his parents.....
- 4 She says it will help me to get better. (page 48)
.....writing in a book.....
- 5 I wasn't really looking forward to it, but it was wonderful. (page 53)a birthday party.....

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why can't Freddie's parents send him to a foreign country?
They don't have enough money.
- 2 Why does Freddie write in his diary that he became a criminal?
Freddie came to England illegally. He begged in the street and stole food.
- 3 How does Safi make Freddie think of Lucy?
She jokes with him a lot like Lucy did.
- 4 How is Freddie's party in his home country different from the one in the UK?
He was with family and close friends. He was given money.

LOOKING FORWARD



6 Tick (✓) what you think happens in the next chapter.

- 1 Safi gives up writing.
- 2 Freddie and Safi stop being friends.

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 57.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Are the sentences true (T) or false (F)?
- 1 Maya sent her teacher chocolates to thank her. F
 - 2 Her father wants her to study to become a teacher. F
 - 3 Maya got an expensive present for her graduation. T
 - 4 She wants to do a degree in Business Studies. F
 - 5 A terrible natural disaster hit Maya's country. T
 - 6 Janice Tucker was saved because she had to go to the north of the country that day. T
 - 7 Maya always loved working at the community centre. F
- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.
- 1 Maya gets very good grades at university / in Business Studies.
 - 2 Janice Tucker suggests that Maya should study *business* / teaching.
 - 3 Maya's father *agrees* / disagrees with her decision to change course at university.
 - 4 The earthquake hit when people were at work / in bed and destroyed many buildings in Maya's country.
 - 5 Safi lives with her mother / father.
 - 6 Maya's dad was killed by *the neighbours* / a natural disaster.
 - 7 Freddie lives in a big *house* / room.

4 What do the underlined words refer to in these sentences from the text?

- 1 It would be hard work, (page 59) *studying in the UK.*
- 2 It's everything I'd hoped it would be (page 62)
..... London
- 3 I often use their computers (page 62) *The Language Department's*
- 4 Another part of me thinks I should tell him the truth now.
(page 65) Maya's father
- 5 I try to make them understand that it isn't possible. (page 67)
..... to find out what is happening
- 6 I'm not ready to share theirs as well. (page 77)
..... the teenagers that Maya is teaching

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why doesn't Maya's father go to her graduation ceremony?
..... He has an important business meeting that he can't cancel.
- 2 What does Maya's father want her to do in the UK?
..... He wants her to study a higher degree in Business Studies.
- 3 Why is Maya's father upset with her?
..... Because Maya changed her course and is studying to be a teacher.

LOOKING FORWARD

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6 What do you think happens in the final chapter? Answer the questions.

- 1 Do Safi, Freddie and Maya get used to life in the UK?
(sample) *Yes, they do.*
- 2 Does Trevor see Safi, Freddie and Maya again?
(sample) *Yes, he does.*
- 3 Does Freddie return to his home country?
(sample) *Yes, he does.*

LOOKING BACK

- 1 Check your answers to *Looking forward* on page 83.

ACTIVITIES

- 2 Complete the summary of Chapter 5 with the words in the box.

Safi's mum	Trevor (x3)	
Maya	Freddie	Safi

¹ Trevor goes to the community centre where ² Maya works as a manager and a teacher. Here ³ Trevor meets all the people he has been helping. ⁴ Freddie is coaching the football team at the centre and ⁵ Safi's mum is helping in the kitchen. ⁶ Safi has become very good at English and she still writes in her diary. She also writes poetry now and ⁷ Trevor decides to include one of her poems in his book.

- 3 Underline the correct words in each sentence.

- 1 Trevor visits the *football academy* / community centre.
- 2 The first person he talks to is Maya / *Freddie*.
- 3 When Maya first came to the centre people *disliked* / were friendly towards her.
- 4 Maya is happy because she can help / *meet* people at the centre.
- 5 Maya believes her father would be *disappointed in her* / proud of her.
- 6 Safi's writes poems in *her own language* / English.

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Although Safi, Freddie and Maya are not in their home countries, e
- 2 Maya is a successful teacher, g
- 3 Freddie manages the children's football team, a
- 4 Freddie's dad is very happy to meet Trevor b
- 5 Safi is top of her class e
- 6 Safi's mum can now help with the kitchen f
- 7 Maya, Safi and Freddie are happy now d

- a while playing for the older boys' team.
- b because he's helped his son.
- ~~c~~ they feel comfortable in their new home.
- d because they can help other people.
- e because Maya has helped her.
- f because she isn't as sad any more.
- g but works as a centre manager as well.

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 What does Trevor mean by World One?
World One is the country the people had to leave.....
- 2 What does Trevor mean by World Two?
World Two is the country that they move to.....
- 3 Where is the community centre?
It is in a poor area of London in an old ugly building.....
- 4 What does Maya think is surprising about the volunteers?
That so many people from different countries and cultures are working together.....
- 5 Why does Safi tell Trevor that the diary saved her life?
She could write her secret thoughts there. It was like having a friend to talk to.....