

# Let's Talk About...

## Refugees

### Answer Sheets

#### Match the Definition

Definition	Word
A person who chooses to move away from where they were born to live in another place for work, study, or to be closer to family.	migrant
Protection given by a government to a person so they can live safely in a new country.	asylum
Unfair or cruel treatment because of who you are, what you believe, or where you are from.	persecution
Trying to obtain or achieve something.	seeking
A person who has been forced to leave their country because of war, violence, conflict or because they are being persecuted.	refugee
The action of keeping someone in official custody.	detention

#### Cloze Activity: Why Do People Seek Asylum?

\_\_\_\_\_ Millions \_\_\_\_\_ of people leave their homes every year to live in another country because it is not \_\_\_\_\_ to stay.

A person may be in \_\_\_\_\_ danger \_\_\_\_\_ in their country if there is war or the government wants to punish them for their beliefs or ideas.

Asylum seekers want to live in a country that is safe and can give them \_\_\_\_\_ protection \_\_\_\_\_ .

Everyone has the right to seek \_\_\_\_\_ asylum \_\_\_\_\_ .

Sometimes people wait a \_\_\_\_\_ long \_\_\_\_\_ time to be given asylum in a new country.

Refugees often live in \_\_\_\_\_ detention \_\_\_\_\_ camps while they wait for permission to stay in a new safe country.

You cannot \_\_\_\_\_ leave \_\_\_\_\_ a detention camp without permission, so it is a lot like being in jail.



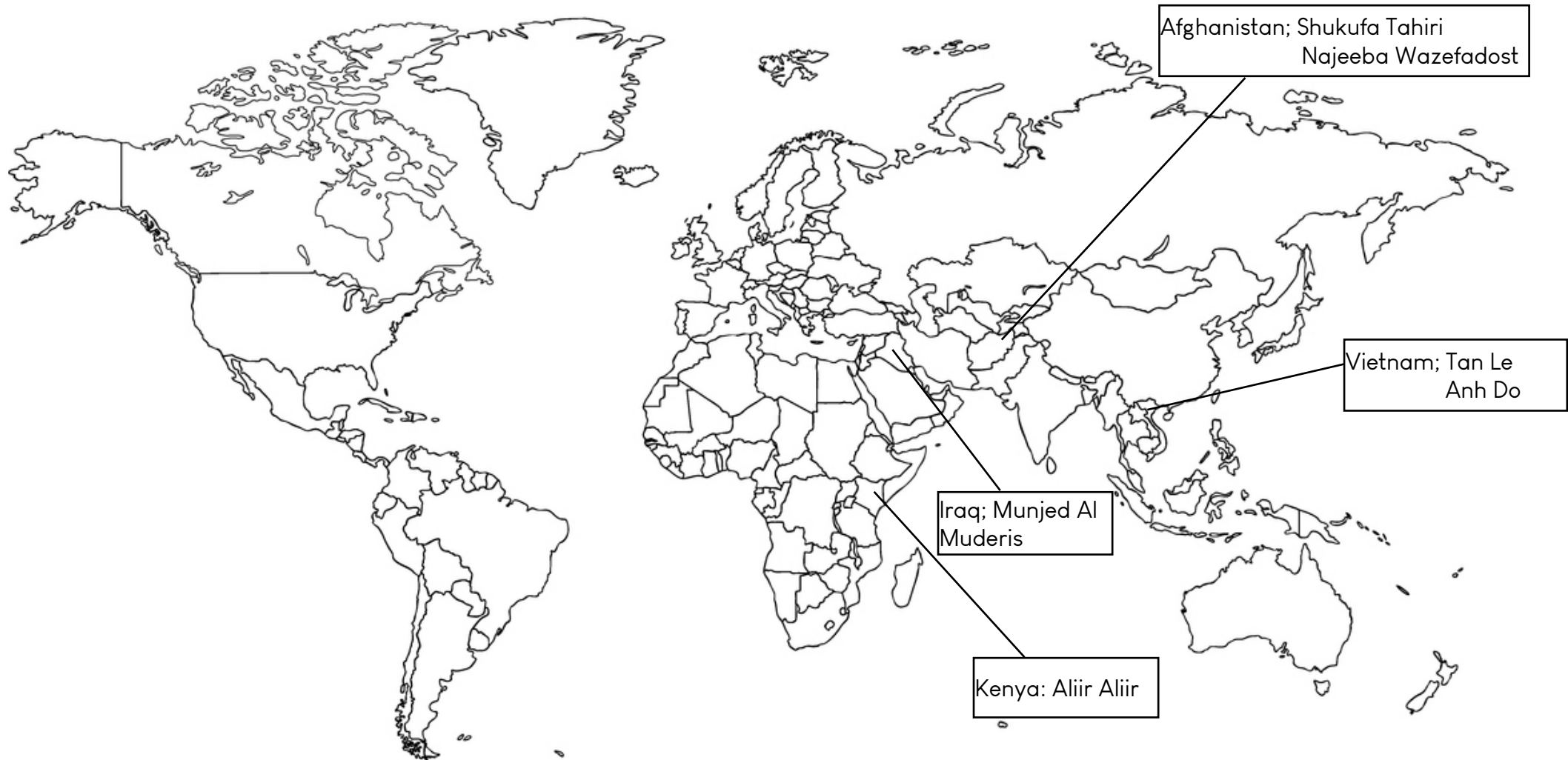
## Famous Australian Refugees: Mapping Task

Find out where these famous refugees came from. Find the countries on the map of the world and label where they are.

Name	Occupation	Country of Origin
Anh Do	Writer, artist, comedian	Vietnam
Professor Munjed Al Muderis	Surgeon	Iraq
Najeeba Wazefadost	Founder of Hazara Women Australia	Afghanistan
Tan Le	IT entrepreneur	Vietnam
Shukufa Tahiri	Policy Officer	Afghanistan
Aliir Aliir	AFL player	Kenya



## Famous Australian Refugees: Mapping Task





## Famous Australian Refugees: Who Am I?

### Who am I? - Anh Do

I was born in the country known as Vietnam

I had to flee this country because my father was in danger after helping his brothers escape a re-education camp. If caught, my father could have been sentenced to death.

Some of the kinds of transport I used to get to Australia included a leaky fishing boat 9 1/2 metres long and two metres wide and a German merchant ship.

Some people I travelled with included my father, mother, uncles and brother plus over forty other asylum seekers, including neighbours and cousins.

I arrived in Australia in the year 1980.

Some things I found hard about life in Australia include experiencing racism at school and on the football field. Learning to speak English and feeling different from other kids at school because of the food I ate and the clothes I wore.

I now work as a painter, actor, comedian, writer and TV presenter.

I am well known because I have written several popular books and have a TV show where I paint people's portraits as I interview them.

My name is Anh Do

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## Famous Australian Refugees: Who Am I?

### Who am I? - Professor Munjed Al Muderis

I was born in the country known as Iraq  
I had to flee this country because while working as a young doctor at Baghdad University I was ordered to cut off the ears of army deserters (soldiers who had run away from their army). I refused to do this and had to escape otherwise I may have been killed for refusing orders.

Some of the kinds of transport I used to get to Australia included a taxi and a rickety boat.

Some people I travelled with included over 150 other asylum seekers. I was the only doctor aboard.  
I arrived in Australia in the year \_\_\_\_\_

Some things I found hard about life in Australia include enduring time in a detention centre where I witnessed people being treated badly. Once released I found it challenging to find a job and then be recognised for my medical skills so I could work as a doctor. I started off cleaning toilets and eventually got my first job as a doctor in Mildura, Victoria.

I now work as an orthopaedic surgeon and a university professor

I am well known because I do a lot of work with amputees and have been recognised with many awards including NSW Australian of the Year.

My name is Professor Munjed Al Muderis

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## Famous Australian Refugees: Who Am I?

### Who am I? - Najeeba Wazefadost

I was born in the country known as Afghanistan

I had to flee this country because I am an Afghan Hazara, Hazaras are a minority group that is persecuted by the Taliban in Afghanistan and also neighbouring countries such as Pakistan. It was not safe for my family and me to stay in Afghanistan.

Some of the kinds of transport I used to get to Australia included walking by foot, travelling hidden in a truck then a plane to Indonesia and a boat from Indonesia to Australia.

Some people I travelled with included my family and other asylum seekers.

I arrived in Australia in the year 2000

Some things I found hard about life in Australia include spending two months in a detention centre near Darwin, learning English at the age of 10, not having any friends at first and finding everything in Australia to be new and different.

I now work as an advocate for refugees at the SSI (Settlement Services International) I also founded three networks for refugees.

I am well known because I am passionate about rights for refugees and women. I am not afraid to speak up against injustice in order to make governments change laws and policies.

My name is Najeeba Wazefadost

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## Famous Australian Refugees: Who Am I?

### Who am I? - Tan Le

I was born in the country known as Vietnam  
I had to flee this country because of the danger of the war in Vietnam.

Some of the kinds of transport I used to get to Australia included a rickety boat and a plane.

Some people I travelled with included my mum, sister and grandma.

I arrived in Australia in the year 1982

Some things I found hard about life in Australia include learning English and experiencing racism.  
My mother had to work several jobs and we still did not have much money, I shared a bed with my mum and sister.

I now work as a technology entrepreneur.

I am well known because I won Young Australian of the Year in 1998. I was also voted one of Australia's most successful Women under 30 and I started 2 tech companies called SASme and Emotiv.

My name is Tan Le

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## Famous Australian Refugees: Who Am I?

### Who am I? - Shukufa Tahiri

I was born in the country known as Afghanistan  
I had to flee this country because the Taliban was attacking villages and my family was especially in danger because our ethnic race, Hazara, is discriminated against and persecuted by the Taliban.

Some of the kinds of transport I used to get to Australia included (hard to know, but we can assume Shukufa came to Australia by plane as her father was already here as an approved refugee.)

Some people I travelled with included my family excluding my father, who was already in Australia.  
I arrived in Australia in the year 2006

Some things I found hard about life in Australia include learning English and catching up on the education I had missed out on since leaving Afghanistan. It took me a while to figure out my identity. I was born in Afghanistan then spent years in Pakistan before arriving in Australia, this made it hard to identify with one culture.

I now work as an advocate for refugees

I am well known because I have been a representative at the UN and was named one of Australia's most influential women for my work with refugees.

My name is Shukufa Tahiri

#### Sources:

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## Famous Australian Refugees: Who Am I?

### Who am I? - Aliir Aliir

I was born in the country known as Kenya

I had to flee this country because I actually was born in a refugee camp in Kenya, my family had fled South Sudan because of war before I was born. We were granted a visa to travel to Australia in 2003.

Some of the kinds of transport I used to get to Australia included a plane to Sydney.

Some people I travelled with included my mother and brother.

I arrived in Australia in the year 2003

Some things I found hard about life in Australia include living without my father and everything and everyone looking different compared to Kenya. I had to learn English too which was tough but I learnt a lot from TV! When I started school I spoke no English and found it really hard at first.

I now work as a professional AFL player.

I am well known because I play football for the Sydney Swans. I was drafted to the AFL after only playing football for 7 years!

My name is Aliir Aliir.

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### Message of Welcome

Write a message inside the heart welcoming a refugee to Australia.

Responses will vary.