

**Worksheet C6.2.5**

Let us identify and discuss one example of a basic human right and how this affects the life of a student.

**A: Read this story, then reply.**

*My name is Mahmoud. I am 15 years old. I am Syrian however I had to flee my country together with all my family because of the civil war in Syria. Had we not escaped, today we would be dead; like many of our neighbours who I used to play with, and who died.*



*We are living with a family who offered us refuge in Lebanon. My siblings and I cannot go to school because there are no schools for us refugees. We try to find some work to do. I clean fish in a cellar, in secret, for the owner of the restaurant who is giving us refuge in his home. Even my younger siblings work; otherwise we will die of hunger.*

**B: Answer by underlining the right answer or filling in the blanks.**

1. Mahmoud is being denied many fundamental rights. A right he is being denied is:
  - (a) that he earns a lot of money.
  - (b) that he receives an adequate education.
  - (c) that he buys a motorbike when he is 14 years old.
2. Another fundamental right which Mahmoud is being denied is:
  - (a) that he goes abroad every year.
  - (b) that he has a better knife to clean the fish with.
  - (c) that he and his family live in peace in the village they were born in.

3. Which country did Mahmoud originally come from?

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4. Why did he have to escape from there?

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5. What happened to the neighbours of Mahmoud who remained in their village?

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6. In which country did Mahmoud and his family find shelter as refugees?

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7. Why can't Mahmoud and his siblings go to school?

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8. Say how we Maltese can show solidarity with people like Mahmoud.

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9. Refugees are:

(a) people who have to flee their country because if they stay they would be in great danger.

(b) emigrants who go to seek work in another country.

(c) tourists who travel looking for adventure.