

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?
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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..... Her best friend is ³..... and their families are good friends. On Safi's ⁴.....'s birthday, everyone arranges a surprise picnic to celebrate. Safi's family and ⁵.....'s family have a wonderful time together. But on the last day of school term, everything changes. Some boys from ⁶.....'s class throw stones at her. Safi's ⁷..... sends a letter to ⁸.....'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..... 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.
- 2 Because of the situation, children are not allowed to go out alone.
- 3 Safi is doing extremely well at her new school.
- 4 Freddie loves joking with Safi.
- 5 Freddie's birthday party is held at Safi's home.

4 Match the two parts of the sentences.

- 1 Safi likes elephants
 - 2 Zoë spends time with some boys
 - 3 Safi doesn't enjoy her new school
 - 4 Safi thinks that Freddie's party isn't a good idea
- 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?
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- 2 What does Safi take with her when she leaves the village with her mum?
.....
- 3 Where do Safi and her mum go after they run away?
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- 4 Compare Safi's life in her home country and in London.
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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 searches for good young football players.
- 3 don't seem interested in the football academy.
- 4 Some collect money for Freddie's training.
- 5 wants to go to the football academy.
- 6 takes the 3,000 euros and disappears.
- 7 gives Freddie some money and a business card.
- 8 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)
- 3 But I couldn't tell them the truth. (page 46)
.....
- 4 She says it will help me to get better. (page 48)
.....
- 5 I wasn't really looking forward to it, but it was wonderful. (page 53)

5 Answer the questions.

- 1 Why can't Freddie's parents send him to a foreign country?
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- 2 Why does Freddie write in his diary that he became a criminal?
.....
- 3 How does Safi make Freddie think of Lucy?
.....
- 4 How is Freddie's party in his home country different from the one in the UK?
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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.
- 3 Maya got an expensive present for her graduation.
- 4 She wants to do a degree in Business Studies.
- 5 A terrible natural disaster hit Maya's country.
- 6 Janice Tucker was saved because she had to go to the north of the country that day.
- 7 Maya always loved working at the community centre.

- 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)
.....
 - 3 I often use their computers (page 62)
 - 4 Another part of me thinks I should tell him the truth now. (page 65)
 - 5 I try to make them understand that it isn't possible. (page 67)
.....
 - 6 I'm not ready to share theirs as well. (page 77)
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- 5 Answer the questions.
- 1 Why doesn't Maya's father go to her graduation ceremony?
.....
 - 2 What does Maya's father want her to do in the UK?
.....
 - 3 Why is Maya's father upset with her?
.....

LOOKING FORWARD



- 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?
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 - 2 Does Trevor see Safi, Freddie and Maya again?
.....
 - 3 Does Freddie return to his home country?
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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 works as a manager and a teacher. Here ³ meets all the people he has been helping. ⁴ is coaching the football team at the centre and ⁵ is helping in the kitchen. ⁶ has become very good at English and she still writes in her diary. She also writes poetry now and ⁷ 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,
 - 2 Maya is a successful teacher,
 - 3 Freddie manages the children's football team,
 - 4 Freddie's dad is very happy to meet Trevor
 - 5 Safi is top of her class
 - 6 Safi's mum can now help with the kitchen
 - 7 Maya, Safi and Freddie are happy now
- 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?
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- 2 What does Trevor mean by World Two?
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- 3 Where is the community centre?
.....
- 4 What does Maya think is surprising about the volunteers?
.....
- 5 Why does Safi tell Trevor that the diary saved her life?
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