



Unit 10 Biography

Joseph is reading a biography of Malala Yousafzai. Read the biography.

Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai was born in 1997 in Pakistan. Her father, Ziauddin Yousafzai, was an educator and a well-known educational activist in the country. Under the **influence** of her father, Malala had a **keen** interest in politics and education rights. She would stay up late at night to discuss politics with her father. She used to want to be a doctor. However, her father saw her **gift** for politics and encouraged her to be a politician instead.



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In early 2009, many girls' schools in Pakistan were closed and girls were banned from going to school due to war and attacks. Malala strongly believed in the power and importance of education. Therefore, she was determined to promote and fight for equal rights for girls. She wrote articles on blogs and newspapers, did interviews and gave speeches in public and on TV. Her actions gained her a lot of attention not only in Pakistan, but also around the world.

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However, Malala's fame finally caused her danger. She began to receive **anonymous** threats. In October 2012, Malala was attacked when she was riding a bus back home after school. Some terrorists wanted to kill her and **shot** her three times. Fortunately, Malala survived after a series of surgery and medical treatment.

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In 2014, Malala received the Nobel Peace Prize for her achievements in fighting for women's right to education. She was the youngest person to get this award. In 2017, she got into Oxford University to study philosophy and politics. After graduating from university in 2020, Malala continued to work as an activist under a non-profit organisation.

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Choose the best answers by blackening the circles.



1. In line 9, the word '**gift**' means '_____'.
 A. joy B. prize C. result D. talent
2. What does the word '**shot**' in line 21 mean?

shoot (v.) (past, past participle: **shot**)

1. to fire a bullet or an arrow from a weapon
'The police officer shot a gun at the thief.'
2. to use a camera to take photos or record videos
'They shot a lot of photos in their trip to Europe.'
3. to move in a particular direction very quickly
'She shot past me so I didn't see her clearly.'
4. to kick, hit or throw a ball towards the goal in sports
'He shot and scored a goal in the football match.'



Q2: Pay attention to words like 'attacked' and 'kill' in the biography.

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- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4
3. How old was Malala when she received the Nobel Peace Prize?
 A. 15 B. 17 C. 20 D. 23

Complete the answers.

4. Why were many girls' schools in Pakistan closed in 2009?
 It was because there _____.
5. What did Malala do to fight for girls' rights?
 _____ on different media.

Fill in each blank with ONE word from the biography. Change the word form when necessary.



Q7: 'Occupation' means 'job'.

Malala Yousafzai's Profile

Place of birth: 6. _____ Education: Oxford University
 Occupation: a(n) 7. _____ 8. _____: Nobel Peace Prize