

Mari Malek is a supermodel, DJ and actor. She is also a refugee. This is her story.

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercise. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... awkward | a. strong and able to recover quickly from difficult situations |
| 2..... a decade | b. to escape by running away |
| 3..... resilient | c. a person who introduces and plays popular music on the radio or at parties (disc jockey) |
| 4..... the UN | d. shy and embarrassed |
| 5..... a DJ | e. a period of ten years |
| 6..... to inspire | f. to support a cause |
| 7..... to advocate | g. the United Nations – an organisation which encourages international peace, co-operation and friendship among countries |
| 8..... to flee | h. to motivate |

1. Check your understanding: true or false

Circle *True* or *False* for these sentences.

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| 1. Mari Malek comes from South Sudan. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 2. Her country has been at war for four years. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 3. She is a supermodel, DJ and student. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 4. She left her country when she was a child. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 5. It was easy for Mari to become a successful model. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 6. There are many black women in modelling. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 7. Mari is passionate about helping people in South Sudan. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |
| 8. Mari is trying to inspire refugee children and other people as well. | <i>True</i> | <i>False</i> |

Discussion

Were you inspired by Mari's story?