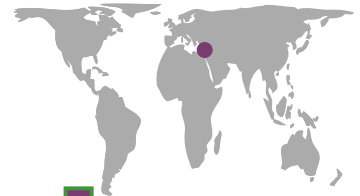


for children

hello

LEBANON



How do you say hello in Arabic?

marhaba

(MAHR-hah-bah)

My name is Mustafa Hamo.

Age: 8

Lives in: Beirut, Lebanon

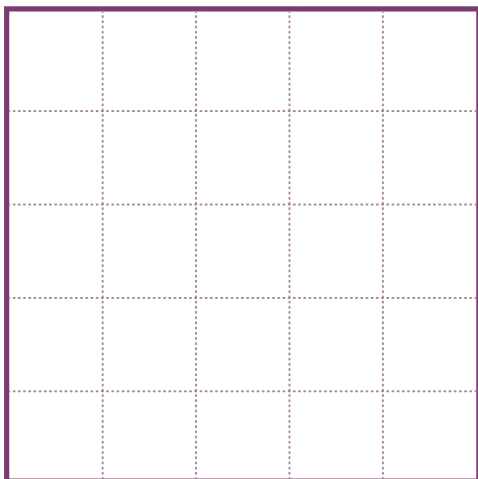
I live in Lebanon now, but my home was in Syria before a war started there. In Syria, I lived in a big, beautiful house. I played outside with my friends, and I especially liked celebrating holidays with them. Two years ago, we had to leave Syria because soldiers were outside our house. They made my father pay them a lot of money. We went to Lebanon to be safe.

Now we live in a small house, and I share my room with my grandfather. My parents buy less food because it costs more than it used to in Syria, and the teachers in school use English, not Arabic. Last summer, my sisters and I went to summer camp (supported by MCC) where we could practice English, make crafts, play games and draw. I liked making crafts the best, but I also liked the games we played with water and sponges.



Gifts of comfort and warmth

What keeps you cozy and comfortable on winter nights? A favorite quilt, comforter or blanket? Many families left Syria with only their clothes and a few precious belongings. MCC has provided thousands of comforters to Syrians who have fled home.



My favorite food: French fries

My favorite subject: math

What I want to be: doctor



Mustafa and his sisters Nada and Dima like to play and study together.

Design your own quilt square

If you were making a comforter for a family in Syria, what colors and design would you use? Sketch out your ideas.

