

Emma Thompson and her adopted Rwandan son

Tindy left Rwanda when he was just a teenager and moved to the UK as a refugee. There, he met the famous actress Emma Thompson and was adopted by her. In this video, they describe Tindy's incredible journey.

Tasks

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

Vocabulary

1. a refugee
2. dreadful
3. to happen in a snap
4. your background
5. to integrate
6. to move away
7. a downside
8. undisputed

Definition

- a. to occur almost immediately
- b. to begin living in a different area
- c. to change in order to become part of a bigger group
- d. terrible; very bad
- e. the experiences in your past
- f. without a doubt
- g. a disadvantage
- h. a person who has to leave their own country because it is too dangerous to live there

Task 1

Put the sentences in the order the topics are mentioned in the video.

..... The best way for refugees to adapt to their new country/region.

..... The things which people must abandon when they become refugees.

..... A funny joke about a drink which both Emma and Tindy like.

..... A funny joke about the difference in age between Emma and Tindy.

..... The reason why some people must become refugees.

Task 2

Circle the best answer to complete the sentences.

1. Emma says that everybody
 - a. has refugees in their family.
 - b. should learn more about refugees.
 - c. should send products to refugees.
2. Tindy says that people become refugees
 - a. after many years of problems.
 - b. because of changes in the weather.
 - c. very quickly.
3. Tindy says that to have a successful new life, refugees should
 - a. learn to speak good English.
 - b. remember their history but adapt to their new home.
 - c. try to forget their history in order to adapt to their new home.
4. Tindy says that when things are very difficult in your own country, it is best to
 - a. leave for a period of time.
 - b. talk to other people in the same situation.
 - c. wait to see if the situation gets better.
5. The disadvantage of Emma and Tindy's love for wine is that
 - a. it costs a lot.
 - b. it is bad for their health.
 - c. it is difficult to find good wine in the UK.
6. When Emma tells Tindy that he is young and handsome, Tindy
 - a. agrees with her.
 - b. disagrees with her.
 - c. says that he is embarrassed.

Discussion

How would you describe Emma and Tindy's relationship? Do you know any famous refugees who have found success in their new country?

Answers

Preparation task

1. h
2. d
3. a
4. e
5. c
6. b
7. g
8. f

Task 1

- 3 The best way for refugees to adapt to their new country/region.
- 2 The things which people must abandon when they become refugees.
- 4 A funny joke about a drink which both Emma and Tindy like.
- 5 A funny joke about the difference in age between Emma and Tindy.
- 1 The reason why some people must become refugees.

Task 2

1. a
2. c
3. b
4. a
5. a
6. a