

Video zone – Portrait of Oussama

Instructions

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do Task 1. You can also read the transcript.

Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–f) with the vocabulary (1–6).

Vocabulary	Definition
1. a goal	a. because of
2. give up	b. stop doing something that you do regularly
3. founded by	c. set up by
4. due to	d. the knowledge you get from school or university
5. education	e. something that you are trying to do or achieve
6. HOPES	f. Higher and further education Opportunities and Perspectives for Syrians

Task 1 – True or false?

Decide if the sentences are true or false.

	Answers	
1. Oussama Almasalmeh is 28 years old.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
2. He is Syrian, from Daraa city.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
3. He had to give up his education because of the war.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
4. He now lives in Cyprus.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
5. He is in his second year of university.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
6. He studies electronic engineering.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
7. He goes to English courses founded by HOPES.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
8. Oussama's goal is to complete his education.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>

Discussion

Do you agree with Oussama? How important is education for you and your family?

Transcript

Oussama: Hi, I am Oussama Almasalmeh. I am 26 years old. I am Syrian from Daraa city.

Due to the problems with the war, I had to give up my education and come to here to Turkey with my family. I am in the first year at Karabük University and am electric and electronic engineering student. The English courses founded by HOPES, it means a lot for me to improve my English language and maybe in the future we can found a better job for us, especially these days.

We are here to complete our education. We have a goal and our goal is building our country again.

Answers

Preparation

1. e
2. b
3. c
4. a
5. d
6. f

Task 1 – True or false?

1. False
2. True
3. True
4. False
5. False
6. True
7. True
8. False