

Interview with Amineh Abou Kerech



Translate: poem, poet, prize,
soldier, interview

Please read...

Zago: Hello!

Amineh: Hi!

Zago: Please could you tell me, what is your name?

Amineh: My name is Amineh.

Zago: Hi Amineh, I am Zago.

Could I please ask you some questions?

Amineh: Yes, of course.

Zago: How old are you?

Amineh: I am 13.

Zago: 13? So young. And where are you from?

Amineh: I am from Darayya in Damascus, Syria.

Zago: Okay. Where do you live now?



Amineh: I live in Oxford in England.

Zago: Ah right. And who do you live with?

Amineh: I live with my mother and my father.

I also live with my sister. Her name is Ftoun. She is 14.

And my brother Mohamed. He is just 11.

Zago: Thank you for that Amineh. So, what do you like doing?

Amineh: I love writing poems.

Zago: Poems?

Amineh: Yes, poems.

Zago: Wow! Do you go to school?

Amineh: Yes, of course. I go to school in Oxford. I go to

Oxford Spire School.

I came to England last year.

Zago: Last year? But you speak very good English!

Amineh: Thank you. I have good teachers.

Zago: Who is your favourite teacher?

Amineh: My favourite teacher is Mrs Clanchy.

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Zago: Wow! That's amazing. Were your mother and father happy?

Amineh: Of course.

Zago: What do you write about?

Amineh: About Syria. I feel so sad about Syria. So, I write about my home.

Zago: What happened in Syria?

Amineh: There was a war. Soldiers fought in the war. My dad had a shop. We lost the shop.

We slept on the street.



Zago: Were you frightened?
Amineh: Yes. Very frightened.
Zago: When did you leave Syria?
Amineh: We left in 2012.
Zago: Where did you go?
Amineh: We went to Cairo in Egypt. Then, we came here to Oxford.
Zago: How do you feel now?
Amineh: Safe. Very safe. I am happy. I love Oxford. I love school. I love my life. I miss Syria.

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Questions

Read the questions. Put the number of the question in the interview.

1. What do you write about?
2. What is your name?
3. How do you feel now?
4. Do you go to school?
5. And who do you live with?
6. How old are you?
7. Where do you live now?
8. So, what do you like doing?
9. And where are you from?
10. Who is your favourite teacher?



Irregular Past Tense Verbs

Present	Past
is	was
sleep	slept
go	went
write	wrote
fight	fought
win	won



Amineh's Life

Can you talk and write about Amineh's life?

1



2



3



4



5



6



7



8



1



Amineh was born in Syria.

2



Soldiers fought in a war.

3



Amineh's family slept on the street.



They went to Egypt.

5



They went to England.



Amineh went to school.



She wrote poems.



Amineh won a prize.

