

# SEEKING REFUGE

## ALI'S JOURNEY FROM AFGHANISTAN



BASIC FACTS	AFGHANISTAN	GERMANY
Capital	Kabul	Berlin
Population	31,108,077	81,147,265
Area	652,230 sqkm	357,022 sqkm
Religion	Muslim 99%	Protestant 34%, Catholic 34%, Muslim 3.7%

1. Before watching the film about Ali from Afghanistan find the country on the map and compare its basic facts to those of Germany.

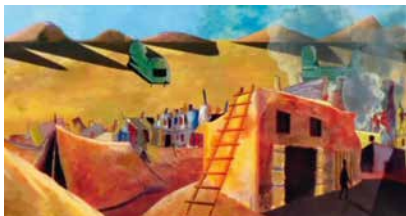
### War in Afghanistan

During a war from 1978-1992 Afghanistan was under Soviet control. Since 1996 the Taliban, a radical Islamic group, gained control over most of the country. When in September 2001 nearly 3,000 people were killed in the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the USA, the Americans began bombing Afghanistan in October. Four weeks later, the Northern Alliance (NATO) controlled Kabul and the Taliban were driven out of the capital. The war is still going on with lots of people dying, civilians as well as soldiers. There are plans to stop the war by the end of 2014. But life will still be hard and dangerous.

### Did you know that ...

nearly 3 million Afghans left their country in 2010, most went to Pakistan and Iran, about 30,000 came to Germany, nearly 25,000 arrived in the United Kingdom?

2. After watching the film describe these snapshots and give a short summary of the film. You may use the help given.



Ali – live in Afghanistan – heavy war – life hard and dangerous



Ali and his grandmother – flee from Afghanistan – parents stay behind  
Ali – arrive in England – hope for a better future



Ali – have – nightmares



Ali – learn English – a lot new



first no friends – getting better



Ali – telephone – with parents – still in Afghanistan – parents sad – Ali sad

- Describe Ali's feelings in his home country, during the escape, and when he arrived in England.
- What was new for Ali in England? What made him feel sad?
- Describe in what way Ali's life in England is different from what it was like back in Afghanistan. Do you think Ali was lucky? Give reasons for your answer.