**I am Malala**

**The girl who stood up for education and was shot by the Taliban**

(Malala Yousafzai with Christina Lamb)

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| **Intro** |

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| Explain these verbs, adjectives, nouns and idioms In English: |
| Verbs |
| 1. to be silenced
 | Ex. *to be reduced to silence* |
| 1. to be targeted
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| 1. to champion
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| 1. to prize
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| 1. to speak out
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| Adjectives |
| 1. community-led
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| 1. fierce
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| 1. leading
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| 1. non-profit
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| 1. prestigious
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| 1. remarkable
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| 1. uprooted
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| Nouns |
| 1. advocacy
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| 1. award
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| 1. runners-up
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| Idioms |
| 1. at point-blank range
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| 1. pay the ultimate price
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Reading comprehension questions:1. Where is the Swat Valley precisely?
2. What happened on October 9, 2012?
3. Did Malala recover?
4. What is Malala the symbol of?
5. What did Malala’s father do for her?
6. When did Malala come to public attention?
7. Did Malala win any prize?
8. What is the Malala fund?
9. What does she continue to do?
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| **Par. 1** | 1. When was the Epilogue written?
2. What happened in March?
3. What do the cardboard boxes contain?
4. Why do think Malala’s mother doesn’t like the images of Greek gods and carved cherubs?
5. Who can play the piano in the house?
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| **Par. 2** | 1. Why does Malala describe her house in Birmingham as a house-jail?
2. What does Malala miss about Pakistan?
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| **Par. 3** | 1. What does Malala’s mother do in the garden?
2. What is the *tapa* Malala’s mother like?
3. What is Atal’s “favorite Birmingham discovery”?
4. How does Malala’s mother feel about leftovers and the waste of food?
5. The family eat more or less the same things in Birmingham as they did back home. True or false

*tapa = genre of Pashto folk poetry having two lines, the first line with nine syllables, the second with thirteen* |
| **Par. 4** | 1. Why is coming home from school in England different from coming home in Mingora?
2. Why was it so difficult for her to concentrate at home in Mingora?
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| **Par. 5** | 1. What charitable deed did Malala’s mother do in Mingora?
2. Malala’s mother would give poor people food and drink because she was rich. True or False

 *mohalla = district* |
| **Par. 6** | 1. How does Malala’s mother feel?
2. What does she spend a lot of time doing and why is it hard for her being in England?
3. What is the most difficult thing her mother finds about adjusting to life in England?
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| **Par. 7** | 1. Why does Malala tease her father?
2. What impression do you get of the relationship between Malala and her father?

*aba = affectionate Pasho term, ‘father’* |
| **Par. 8** | 1. What has made Malala’s mother happier?
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| **Par. 9** | 1. Describe how Malala is treated by her mother.
2. With what does she associate the banging of a door?
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| **Par. 10** | 1. When does Malala’s father cry and for what reason?
2. What do many people accuse him of doing?
3. What has been left behind?
4. Quote what Malala’s father says.
5. What do you think motivated Malala’s father to build up the school?
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| **Par. 11** | 1. What did Malala’s father dream of?
2. What kind of status did Malala’s father have in Swat?
3. Why does he get upset?
4. Malala’s father wishes he had looked back. Why didn’t he look back?
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| **Par. 12** | 1. How does Malala’s father spend much of his time?
2. How has the status between Malala’s father and her changed?
3. Quote what he said.
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| **Par. 13** | 1. How does Malala feel when she goes to school in Birmingham?
2. How did she feel when she went to school in Mingora?
3. Do you think with time Malala will become more integrated?
4. What would help her to become more integrated?
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| **Par. 14** | 1. What is different about the school in Birmingham and the one in Mingora?
2. What mark did Malala receive in her physics exam?
3. What’s the best thing about going to school in Birmingham?
4. What do students study in ‘home economics’?
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| **Par. 15** | 1. What are the negative points of going to the new school for Malala?
2. What hasn’t she worked out yet?
3. What’s the main reason for her difficulty in adapting to school life in England?
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| **Par. 16** | 1. In Pakistan, schools are co-educational. True or False
2. What kind of questions does Malala ask Moniba on Skype?
3. How do her classmates keep her memory alive?
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| **Par. 17** | 1. How is life in England different to life in Pakistan?
2. Who is the head of the community in Pakistan, and why?
3. Why does Malala like England?
4. Is the role of women in England different to that of women in Pakistan and why?
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| **Par. 18** | 1. Was Malala’s operation a success?
2. How is Malala reminded of the shooting?
3. What physical disabilities does she have?
4. Quote what Malala’s father said.
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| **Par. 19** | 1. Who is said to have shot Malala?
2. Is the man who claimed to have shot Malala still at large?
3. What do the police want to do?
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| **Par. 20** | 1. When did Malala have a very vivid flashback?
2. What did Malala’s mother want to do and how did Malala react?
3. What happened in the mall and how did Malala feel?
4. Quote what she said to herself.
5. Does she have to wear a burqa in Saudi Arabia?

*Umrah = pilgrimage to Mecca which can be made at any time during the year* |
| **Par. 21** | 1. What is the Kaaba?
2. What does Malala say about the first sight of the Kaaba?
3. What did they pray for?
4. Why was Malala shocked when she went to the other holy places in the desert of Mecca?
5. What is the translation of *Hadith*? Is it a countable or uncountable noun?
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| **Par. 22** | 1. Describe how Malala’s life has changed.
2. What has she been nominated for?
3. How would she like to be remembered?
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| **Par. 23** | 1. When did Malala speak at the United Nations?
2. How did she feel?
3. Who did Malala write her speech for and why?
4. How does she describe the experience of speaking at the U.N?
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| **Par. 24** | 1. What did Malala wear at the U.N.?
2. Quote what Malala said to the United Nations.
3. What did Malala’s father say?
4. How was her speech received?
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| **Par. 25** | 1. What sacrifice did Malala’s mother make?
2. What does this tell you about the role of women in Pakistan?

*purdah: of women, segregation or seclusion, wearing the veil* |
| **Par. 26** | 1. Who is Atal?
2. What kind of questions did Atal ask Malala?
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| **Par. 27** | 1. Was her speech well received in Pakistan?
2. What could Malala see from the messages on Twitter and Facebook?
3. How was her speech received in Pakistan?
4. What did the messages on Twitter and Facebook accuse her of?
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| **Par. 28** | 1. How is the situation in Pakistan?
2. What have people lost?
3. What does Malala want support for?
4. Malala will use her fame and fortune for altruistic reasons. True or False?
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| **Par. 29** | 1. Who was the most surprising letter from?
2. What explanation did Adnan Rashid give for Malala’s shooting?
3. For what reason would he forgive Malala?
4. How did Adnan get out of prison?

*madrasa: school for Islamic instruction* |
| **Par. 30** | 1. Did Malala reply to the letter?
2. What was the positive thing about the Taliban’s letter?
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| **Par. 31** | 1. When Malala tells her father she wants to go back to Pakistan what does he do?

*jani = dear one* |
| **Par. 32** | 1. What does Malala want?
2. Does she agree with her father?
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| **Par. 33** | 1. What does Malala say about education?
2. What statistics does Malala report?
3. How does Pakistan compare internationally with regard to education and literacy?
4. How many women are illiterate?
5. Does Malala’s mother know how to read and write?
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| **Par. 34** | 1. What continues to happen in Pakistan?
2. What happened in March?
3. What was the most shocking news?
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| **Par.35** | 1. Is the problem just the Taliban killing children?
2. What happened in June?
3. Google the areas of Gilgit (Hunza valley) and Swat. Find two differences between them. e.g. History, ethnicity, geography, climate.
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| **Par. 36** | 1. How is Swat nowadays?
2. How do tourists regard the area?
3. What do tourists have to obtain before going to the area?
4. From your Google search, what used to attract tourists to the Swat area?
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| **Par. 37** | 1. How does Malala consider her valley?
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| **Par. 38** | 1. What did Malala say God had done to her?

*raakat nafl: Islamic prayer* |
| **Par. 39** | 1. What responsibilities does Malala think she has?
2. How would she like to see every human being?
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