

A Comprehension - understanding the text.

a) Read the text.



Hi, my name is Aisha.

I am a refugee in the UK. My sister is in Sweden and my parents are in Jordan.

I grew up with my little sister Leila in Homs, Syria.

At school I liked Arabic and English lessons. At University, I studied law, and I trained to be a solicitor.

Leila is 5 years younger than me. She wanted to be a midwife. At school, she loved biology - I hated this subject!

Our father was a dentist - he is retired now. Our mother is from a big family in Homs -she had many brothers.

We lived in a big house. It had a shared courtyard. There were trees and flowers - my mum used to look after the flowers.

On special occasions, our family ate **manakish** and **maqloubah** together. My grandmother used to bring **barazek** and **kunafah** for dessert - we loved it!

b) Answer the questions

Which city was Aisha's home?

Who is older, Aisha or Leila?

What were Aisha's favourite subjects at school?

Did Leila like the same things?

Leila wanted to be a solicitor - true or false?

Who liked to look after the garden, Aisha's dad or her mum?

What are manakish and maqloubah?

Are barazek and kunafah sweet or savoury?

B Match the pictures to the food word.

Look up these Syrian dishes online. Write an English description.

Manakish

Maqloubah

Kunafah

Barazek



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b



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C Key words

Law - the rules of a country

Solicitor - someone who advises about the law

Midwife - someone who is with a woman at birth

Biology - a science about things that are alive

Dentist - someone who looks after your teeth

Retired - someone who no longer works

Shared courtyard - an outside area for several families

Special occasion - a celebration, like a birthday or a religious festival