

A journey to safety from Afghanistan to Italy

Do you know who Enaiatollah Akbari is? (*No, I don't. / Yes, he was a boy who...*)

Vocabulary

1. rickety 2. spanned 3. flee 4. mistreatment 5. determination 6. threats

True Story

Enaiatollah Akbari was a young boy from Afghanistan. Due to _____ from the Taliban, his life was in danger. His mother, worried about his safety, told him to _____.

Starting his journey, Enaiatollah first found his way to Pakistan, where he took up small jobs for money. He then traveled to Iran, where he faced problems like hunger and _____ from people. He continued his journey through Turkey and Greece, often hiding in trucks or using _____ boats.

His journey _____ five years and thousands of miles. Despite the risks and hardships, Enaiatollah showed strength and _____. Ultimately, he reached Italy, where he finally found safety and a chance for a new beginning.

Quiz

1. Where did Enaiatollah go first after leaving Afghanistan?
2. What problems did he face in Iran?
3. How long did his journey last and how many miles did it cover?

True or False

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| 1. Enaiatollah's mother didn't want him to stay in Afghanistan. | True False |
| 2. He took up small jobs for money in Iran. | True False |
| 3. He traveled through Turkey and Greece by bus. | True False |

Conversation

Reporter: So Enaiatollah, what was the toughest part of your journey?

Enaiatollah: Riding in a dark truck with 50 other kids was terrifying.

Reporter: That does sound scary. What other dangers did you face?

Enaiatollah: I once crossed the sea in a boat with a hole.

Reporter: Are you serious? Well, I'm just glad you're safe now.

Enaiatollah: Thanks. I think I've had enough adventure for a lifetime!

Discussion

1. Have you ever gone on a long journey?
2. If you had to flee your country, where would you go and why?
3. What do you know about Italy?