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| What does it mean to be a refugee ? SPACE AND EXCHANGE |

1. **Read the following questions.**

How many people left their home? Why ?

What is the difference between an internally-displaced people and a refugee ?

Refugees have always existed but when did things change ?

What is the definition of a refugee ?

What are reasons for persecution ?

Who is at risk nowadays ? Why ?

1. **Listen to the document. Take notes in your notebook.**
2. **Share with your partner.**
3. **Try to answer the above questions.**

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**Underline in the text the answers to the above questions.**

Around the world there are 60 million persons who have been forced to leave their home to escape war, violence and persecution. The majority of them have become internally-displaced persons,which means they have fled their homes but are still within their own country. Others have crossed a border and sought shelter outside of their own countries. They are commonly referred to as refugees. What does that term mean ?

The world has known refugees for millenia but the modern definition was drafted in the UN 1951 Convention related to the status of refugees in response to mass persecution,displacement of the second World War. It defines a refugee as someone who is outside of their country of nationality and is unable to return to their home country because of well-founded fear of being persecuted. That persecution may be due to their race, religion, nationality,memebership in a particular social group or political opinion and is often related to war and violence.

Today roughly half of the world refugees are children, some of them unaccompanied by an adult, a situation that makes them especially vulnerable to child labor or sexual exploitation.