

# Ahmad from Syria



**Source:**

<https://www.refugeesupporteu.com/refugee-stories/ahmad/>

**Interview with Ahmad:**

<https://soundcloud.com/paul-106/ahmads-story>



His name is Ahmad. He is 19. He is from Syria. He is Kurdish. He left his country in 2015. Before the war he went to school in Aleppo, played football and visited friends.

When the war started, he went to Kobani for 7 months. His family is still in Syria because of the fighting.

He left Syria because he didn't want to fight, and he wanted a better future. He would love to have a wife and a son. He also didn't want to kill anybody.

He decided to go to Turkey. He stayed there for 8 months. After Turkey he went to Greece. His family wanted to meet him in Greece, but they couldn't go because they had no money. The journey costs €6,000- 7,000.

His father died ten years ago. He always wanted Ahmad to be a doctor. He would like to be a doctor in the future.

When he was in Turkey, he worked at an iron and steel factory. It was very hard. He worked 12 hours a day. He was paid very badly because he was a refugee.

The boat journey from Turkey to Greece was crazy. It took 3 hours.

Life in the refugee camps is very difficult because people live in tents, and it is cold in the winter. Ahmed doesn't want to be there. He wants to go to Europe and start a life. In the camp he learns English with Google Translate and plays football.

He would like to stay in Greece because he could go to university and study medicine. He would also like to go to Ireland or Holland because the people are open-minded. In the future, he would really love to return to Syria because his family and friends live there.



## Please answer the following questions

1. How old is Ahmad?

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2. Where is he from?

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3. What's his nationality?

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4. When did he leave his country?

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5. What did he do before the war started?

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6. What did he do when the war started?

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7. Why are his family still in Syria?

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8. Why did he leave Syria?

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9. How long did he stay in Turkey?

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10. Why could his family not meet him in Greece?

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11. How much does the journey from Turkey to Greece cost?

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12. When did his father die?

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13. What would Ahmad like to be in the future?

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14. Where did he work when he was in Turkey?

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15. How many hours per day did he work?

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16. Why was he paid very badly in Turkey?

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17. How many hours did the boat journey from Turkey to Greece take?

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18. Why is life in the refugee camps very difficult?

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19. What does he do in the camp?

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20. Why would he like to stay in Greece?

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21. Why would he like to go to Ireland or Holland?

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22. What would he like to do in the future?

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**Put the words in the correct syllable box.**

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Syria              Kurdish              years              ago              country  
                  before              visited              football              started  
 months              family              because              fighting              wife  
 anybody              Turkey              iron              steel              factory  
 hard              paid              refugee              journey              crazy  
 Europe              camp              Google              Translate              study  
 medicine              Ireland              **4 syllable word:** \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

**Write the words in the correct category.**

<b>years</b>	<b>ago</b>	<b>country</b>	<b>before</b>

<b>fighting</b>	<b>wife</b>	<b>hard</b>	<b>paid</b>

<b>camp</b>

steers      Chicago      rusty      score      yard

played      stamp      biting      Glasgow      curry

floor      tears      lightening      knife      guard      made

afraid      damp      life      hears      cargo      lamp

writing      sunny      door      strife      lard