

## INTRODUCTION

When: 9th October 2012

Where: Mingora, Swat Valley, Pakistan

Malala was in a good mood travelling home from school. She was pretty sure she'd aced the morning's exam and was looking forward to a chilled-out afternoon at home.

She was having a giggle with her best friend, Moniba, when **the school bus stopped suddenly**. A young man was standing in the road in front of it. He wore long white robes and a baseball cap. 'Is this the Khushal School bus?' he asked.

Another young man jumped onto the back of the bus and leaned in. A hush fell over the girls as both men glared at them. Her heart hammering in her chest, Malala found Moniba's hand and gave it a squeeze. Around twenty girls were crammed onto the hard plastic benches and they stared back, stunned, as the men scanned the bus.

'Who is Malala?' the second man asked gruffly. No one answered his question, but a few of the girls glanced in Malala's direction before they could stop themselves. Then the same man **raised a pistol** for all the girls to see.

Malala froze with fear.

Malala Yousafzai  
by Lisa Williamson



1. Where is Malala from? (R – 1 mark)
2. "...she was pretty sure she'd aced the morning's exam". What does this mean? (E – 1 mark)
3. How was Malala feeling? Explain (I – 2 marks)
4. "A hush fell over the girls..." What does this mean? (E – 1 mark)
5. Find a synonym in the text for "searched" (V – 1 mark)

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