



International House Sydney

Syrian refugees sponsored by IH Sydney to study at IH Beirut

Abed El Rahman Ahmad.
Joining Elementary 1

Abed works in a warehouse during the day, picking orders of electrical components. He was very moved when we talked about the possibility to continue his English studies. He is a very committed learner and is desperate to improve his career options. In Syria he had plans to go to University and build a career as an engineer – the war meant that this would remain just a dream, for the time being.



Mario Oshana
Joining Pre Intermediate 2

Mario sells door handles and locks. He is a happy guy who enjoys his work. Mario has a dream, however, to travel to Australia and build a solid life so that he can one day marry and start a family. He has seen many of his friends leave and head off for new lives under the UN refugee resettlement programme. However Mario is a proud guy and he is adamant that doesn't want to arrive in his dream country as a refugee. He is desperate for better English so he can get his IELTS score and arrive in Australia in the future with a regular visa.

Ali Mahmoud Ali
Joining Elementary 1

Like many young Syrian men, the job of supporting the family has fallen to Ali. He is working various jobs to fund his law studies at Lebanese University and to support his ageing parents. He has many problems at university because of his English and is so happy that he will be able to continue to improve. He is bright, witty and has huge potential.

Nidal Rahal
Joining Elementary 1

Nidal is doing what the majority of Syrian refugees do – working in the best jobs he can find, even though it is a world away from his ambitions and dreams. He works by day in an aluminium factory and in the evenings and at weekends he does data entry in an office. He is 22 years old and a real hard working guy, who is desperate to get back to school and build a career that isn't in a factory. He sees English as a key part of his plans and was thrilled to have this opportunity.

Hasan Suliman
Joining Elementary 1

Hasan works as a waiter and a tailor, taking whatever work he can get to survive and to help his parents. He's a hard worker and the kind of guy who will do whatever he can to find and keep a good honest job. He was very emotional at the thought of being able to continue his English classes. He has lots of ambition and wants to study English to improve his opportunities.

