

I Am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Malala Yousafzai was 15 years old when she was shot in the head. She was already a national figure in her home country of Pakistan, where she campaigned for the right of girls to receive an education. She was flown to the UK and treated for her injuries in Birmingham. This extract describes the day of the shooting.

It was hot and sticky inside the *dyna* [truck] as we bounced along Mingora's crowded rush-hour streets and one of the girls started a song to pass the time. The air was thick with the familiar smell of diesel, bread and kebab mixed with the stench from the nearby stream where everyone dumped rubbish. We turned off the main road at the army checkpoint as always and passed the poster that said "WANTED TERRORISTS".

Just after we passed the Little Giants snack factory the road became oddly quiet and the bus slowed to a halt. I don't remember a young man stopping us and asking the driver if this was the Khushal School bus. I don't remember the other man jumping onto the tailboard and leaning into the back, where we were all sitting. I never heard him ask "Who is Malala?" And I didn't hear the *crack, crack, crack* of the three bullets.

The last thing I remember is thinking about my exam the next day. After that, everything went black.

I woke up on 16 October to a lot of people standing looking at me. They all had four eyes, two noses and two mouths. I blinked, but it did no good. I was seeing everything in double.

The first thing I thought was, "Thank God I'm not dead."

But I had no idea where I was or who these people were.



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1 Look at the paragraph beginning
"It was hot and sticky ...".
Find and copy one word that tells you the stream smelled bad.

2a

 1 mark

2 a) Where do you think Malala was going on the *dyna*?

b) What evidence from the text gives you the information?

2d

 1 mark

3 Look at the paragraph beginning
"Just after ...".
 What happened that was unusual?
 List **two** things.

2b

 1 mark

4 Look at the paragraph beginning
"Just after ...".
 Why does Malala tell you that she does not remember, and did not hear, some of the events?

2g

 1 mark

5 Number the places from 1 to 4 to show the order in which the *dyna* passed them.

- army checkpoint
- crowded streets
- Little Giants factory
- Stream

2c

 1 mark

6 How do you think Malala felt at the end of this extract when she woke up? Give evidence from the text to support your answer.

2d

 2 marks