SEARCHING FOR HOME: NASRIN’S JOURNEY

Nasrin, Divari, I’ve heard from your father, it’s time for us to leave Sinjar.

Mother, no!

But I don’t want to go!

I know, my love. I don’t want to leave either, but we must. The fighting is coming. We have to go. We’ll go to Canada where we can be with Daddy and Zirvan.

Where are we going? What do we do?

I’m hungry!

I’m tired!

Can we have a break?

I want to sit down!

Quiet, Divari. We can’t stop here. Take my bread. We’ll stop when we’re safe.

I’ll take you all the way to the Fisikhudur crossing, and then they will take you the rest of the way into Turkey. Everyone must pay up front.

Fisikhudur? We’re going to Syria? But we want to go to Turkey!

There’s no other way. We must go quickly! The Daesh forces are moving north. Come with me, or you may be caught! This journey will not be easy, but we must leave!

RUN! STAY TOGETHER!!! FOLLOW ME!
Nasrin’s Journey

**Registration**

Physical check-up

**Security fingerprinting**

**Don’t worry, we won’t be here for long.**

**My children and my wife are in Turkey. They are not safe. Can you help our family be together again?**

**We have a long list of families who need our help.**

**We definitely want to help you, but it will take time.**

**I miss my bedroom, my garden, my friends.**

**Three years is forever. I thought we would be with Baba* by now.**

* Baba is a term of endearment meaning dad.

**Baba, I miss you! When will I see you again?**

**I hope soon. We’re waiting on the paperwork.**

**You’ve been so strong.**

**Keep looking after your brother and mom.**

**Tell us your story.**

**Why aren’t you safe in Iraq?**

**How did you get here?**

**Why can’t you stay here in Turkey?**

**I miss my bedroom. I miss my garden. I miss my friends.**
IN ORDER TO EMI GATE TO CANADA, YOU ALL NEED TO HAVE A THOROUGH CHECK-UP.

BUT WE ALREADY HAD ONE WHEN WE GOT HERE!

HUSH, DIVAR! WE HAVE TO DO WHATEVER THEY SAY. THIS EXAM IS FOR CANADA.

LIFE IN CANADA IS GOING TO BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT YOU'RE USED TO.

HERE ARE SOME BASIC TIPS THAT WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT'S GOING ON AROUND YOU IN YOUR FIRST FEW MONTHS.

THIS IS FOR YOU. DON'T FORGET ME.

HERE, KEEP THIS.

THIS WAY.

ENJOY YOUR FLIGHT.

WELCOME TO CANADA.

YOU ARE NOW A PERMANENT RESIDENT.

WELCOME TO
Backpack Exercise

Primary follow-up activity for Searching for Home: Nasrin’s Journey

1. What would you take with you in your backpack if you had to leave home in a hurry and knew you wouldn’t be coming back? Discuss your ideas with a partner.

2. Write or draw the items in the backpack below.