**Unit 2 : A refugee’s “dreamland”**

**Vocabulary**

* **tuck sth away**— phrasal verb with tuck verb [ T usually + adv/prep ]

**to put something in a private, safe place:**

*Grandma always kept a little of money tucked away in case of an emergency.*

* ***Integration*** noun [ U ] UK /ˌɪn.tɪˈɡreɪ.ʃən/ US /ˌɪn.t̬əˈɡreɪ.ʃən/

**the action or process of successfully joining or mixing with a different group of people:**

*racial/cultural integration*

*To promote integration, several schools' catchment areas were merged.*

* **Crimson** *adjective**UK /ˈkrɪm.zən/ US /ˈkrɪm.zən/*

**having a dark, deep red colour**

* **bougainvillea** noun [ C or U ] UK /ˌbuː.ɡənˈvɪl.i.ə/ US /ˌbuː.ɡənˈvɪl.i.ə/

**a climbing plant, common in hot countries, that has red or purple flowers**

* **cascade** noun [ C ] UK /kæsˈkeɪd/ US /kæsˈkeɪd/

**1. a small waterfall, often one of a group**

**2. a large amount of something that hangs down:**

*A cascade of golden hair fell down his back.*

* **Terrace** noun UK /ˈter.əs/ US /ˈter.əs/

**1. a flat raised area**

**2. a flat area of stone or grass outside a house, where people sit and sometimes eat**

**3. one of several narrow strips of land that are built like steps on the slope of a hill, used for growing crops**

* **Pygmy** adjective [ before noun ] (also pigmy) UK /ˈpɪɡ.mi/ US /ˈpɪɡ.mi/

**A pygmy animal or bird is one of a type that is smaller than animals or birds of that type usually are:**

*a pygmy hippopotamus / a pygmy owl*

* **roam** *verb [ I/T ]**US /roʊm/*

**to walk or travel without any real purpose or direction:**

*Our dog just likes to roam.*

* **Palaeontologist** *noun [ C ] UK (US paleontologist) UK /ˌpæl.i.ɒnˈtɒl.ə.dʒɪst/ US /ˌpeɪ.li.ɑːnˈtɑː.lə.dʒɪst/*

**someone who studies fossils as a way of getting information about the history of life on Earth:**

*No palaeontologist has any clue as to what a living dinosaur actually looked like.*

* **Flee** *verb [ I or T, never passive ] UK /fliː/ US /fliː/ present participle fleeing | past tense and past participle fled*

**to escape by running away, especially because of danger or fear:**

*She fled (from) the room in tears.*

* **Embrace** *verb UK /ɪmˈbreɪs/ US /ɪmˈbreɪs/*

**to accept something enthusiastically:**

*This was an opportunity that he would embrace.*

* **Languish** *verb [ I ] UK /ˈlæŋ.ɡwɪʃ/ US /ˈlæŋ.ɡwɪʃ/*

**to exist in an unpleasant or unwanted situation, often for a long time:**

*After languishing in obscurity for many years, her early novels have recently been rediscovered.*

* **Limbo** *noun UK /ˈlɪm.bəʊ/ US /ˈlɪm.boʊ/ limbo noun (UNCERTAINTY)*

**an uncertain situation that you cannot control and in which there is no progress or improvement:**

*Until we have official permission to go ahead with the plans we're in limbo.*

* **Asylum** *noun UK /əˈsaɪ.ləm/ US /əˈsaɪ.ləm/ asylum noun (PROTECTION)*

**protection or safety, especially that given by a government to people who have been forced to leave their own countries for their safety or because of war:**

*to seek/apply for political asylum*

* **Export** *verUK /ɪkˈspɔːt/ US /ˈek.spɔːrt/*

**1. to send goods to another country for sale:**

*French cheeses are exported to many different countries.*

**2. to put something from one country into use in other countries:**

*American culture has been exported all over the world.*

* **Cling** verb UK /klɪŋ/ US /klɪŋ/ clung | clung cling verb (HOLD)

**to stick onto or hold something or someone tightly, or to refuse to stop holding it, him, or her:**

*They clung together in terror as the screams grew louder.*

*One little girl was clinging onto a cuddly toy.*

* **Crag** *noun [ C ] UK /kræɡ/ US /kræɡ/*

**a high, rough mass of rock that sticks out from the land around it**

* **Mayor** noun [ C ] UK /meər/ US /mer/ /ˈmeɪ.ɚ/

**a person who is elected or chosen to lead the group who governs a town or city**

* **fabric noun (STRUCTURE) the fabric of sth**

**the structure or parts of something:**

*the fabric of society*

*Unhappiness was woven into the natural fabric of people's lives.*

* **Labourer** *noun [ C ] UK (US laborer) UK /ˈleɪ.bər.ər/ US /ˈleɪ.bɚ.ɚ/*

**a person who does unskilled physical work, especially outside**

* **Portakabin** noun [ C ] UK trademark UK /ˈpɔː.təˌkæb.ɪn/ US /ˈpɔːr.t̬əˌkæb.ɪn/

**a brand name for a small building that is designed to be moved from place to place and is used as a temporary office, school, or home, especially when building work is being done**

* **block noun (BUILDING)**

**a large, usually tall building divided into separate parts for use as offices or homes by several different organizations or people:**

*an office block /* UK a tower block/ UK a block of flats

* **communal** *adjective UK /ˈkɒm.jə.nəl/ communal adjective (SHARED)*

**belonging to or used by a group of people rather than one single person:**

*communal facilities/food/property*

* ***splash*** *noun [C] (LIQUID)*

**a small amount of a liquid that has fallen or been dropped:**

*There were several splashes of white paint on the carpet.*

* **Gravel** *noun [ U ] UK /ˈɡræv.əl/ US /ˈɡræv.əl/*

**small, rounded stones, often mixed with sand:**

*a gravel path*

* **Solidarity** *noun [ U ] US /ˌsɑl·əˈdær·ɪ·t̬i/*

**agreement between and support for the members of a group:**

*Hundreds of supporters gathered to show solidarity for the three men.*

* **Depopulation** *noun [ U ] UK /diːˌpɒp.jəˈleɪ.ʃən/ US /diːˌpɑː.pjəˈleɪ.ʃən/*

**the action of causing a country or area to have fewer people living in it:**

*rural depopulation/depopulation of the rural areas*

*Closure of rural schools will accelerate depopulation.*

* **board up something** *— phrasal verb with board verb US /bɔrd, boʊrd/*

**to cover doors or windows with thin, flat pieces of wood:**

*The vacant store had been boarded up for several years.*

* **Rust** noun [ U ] UK /rʌst/ US /rʌst/

**a reddish-brown substance that forms on the surface of iron and steel as a result of reacting with air and water:**

patches of rust

* **Corrugated** adjective UK /ˈkɒr.ə.ɡeɪ.tɪd/ US /ˈkɔːr.ə.ɡeɪ.t̬ɪd/

**(especially of sheets of iron or cardboard) having parallel rows of folds that look like a series of waves when seen from the edge:***The roof is made from sheets of corrugated iron.*

* **drain (sth) away** — phrasal verb with drain verb UK /dreɪn/ US /dreɪn/

**If energy, colour, excitement, etc. drains away, it *disappears* completely, and if something drains it away, it completely removes it:**

*Stretching out her tired limbs, she felt the tensions of the day drain away.*

* **Allowance** noun UK /əˈlaʊ.əns/ US /əˈlaʊ.əns/ allowance noun (AMOUNT GIVEN)

**money that you are given regularly, especially to pay for a particular thing:**

*The perks of the job include a company pension and a generous travel allowance.*

* **Expertise** noun [ U ] UK /ˌek.spɜːˈtiːz/ US /ˌek.spɝːˈtiːz/

**a high level of knowledge or skill:**

*We admired the expertise with which he prepared the meal.*

* **the mainstay of sth**

**the most important part of something, providing support for everything else:**

*Cattle farming is the mainstay of the country's economy.*

* ***Humane*** *adjective UK /hjuːˈmeɪn/ US /hjuːˈmeɪn/*

**showing kindness, care, and sympathy towards others, especially those who are suffering:**

*The humane way of dealing with a suffering animal (= the way that causes the least pain) is to kill it quickly.*

* **Shattered** *adjective UK /ˈʃæt.əd/ US /ˈʃæt̬.ɚd/ shattered adjective (BROKEN)*

**broken into very small pieces:**

*Shattered glass lay all over the road.*

* **Ratio** *noun [ C ] UK /ˈreɪ.ʃi.əʊ/ US /ˈreɪ.ʃi.oʊ/ plural ratios*

***the relationship between two groups or amounts that expresses how much bigger one is than the other:***

*The ratio of men to women at the conference was ten to one/10:1.*