

# Seeking Refuge – Juliane's story

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12 Year old Juliane retells her story of living in a Zimbabwean Orphanage and being reunited with her mother before moving to the UK.

Juliane was 3 when her mum left and she was brought up by the people in her church, she had little water and even less food. She was taken away in a lorry, but jumped off when she saw her mother chasing it.

They travelled to the UK and settled there. Juliane recalls her first day at school and the problems that she had in the early days.

"At the end of a dark tunnel, there is always a rainbow."

This is a good illustration of why some people have to flee their country, and helps raise questions about persecution and war. Think about what it's like for children adapting to life in another country and the issues they often deal with when they arrive.

## Writing ideas

Write a diary/journal about leaving the orphanage, meeting mother again, first day at school (could be written in 1<sup>st</sup> person)

Write a set of guidelines for helping a new person from another country settle into school.