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UNICEF

What is UNICEF?

UNICEF was created in 1946, when many children were sick and hungry in Europe after World War II. UNICEF stands for United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund because it was created when there was an emergency. In 1953, UNICEF saw the emergency in Europe was over. However, they realized that children in many countries still needed help. It decided to work with children and families all over the world. It changed its name to United Nations Children's Fund, but people still call it UNICEF. UNICEF believes that all children should have a good education, health care (doctors and medicines) and good nutrition (healthy food).



Why do some children not go to school?



Today, about 121 million children around the world don't go to school. In countries such as Thailand, natural disasters like floods can destroy schools. Children in these countries can't go to school because they don't have a school building to go to. In other countries, parents don't want to send their children to school because the schools aren't clean or safe. In many parts of Asia, Africa and South America, children start working when they are less than 12 years old, and so they can't go to school. This is called child labour. About 246 million children do child labour. In some places, like the Ivory Coast, children work in the fields. In the Philippines and other countries, children work in factories, where they make toys, clothes or sports equipment.

How does UNICEF help?

UNICEF does different things to help. When schools have been destroyed by natural disasters, UNICEF organizes emergency classes in tents, so children don't miss school. It also helps build new schools for these children. It tries to help schools get clean water and good food so that parents are not afraid to send their children there. UNICEF also works with governments to make sure that children go to school instead of going to work when they are very young.



A Look at the pictures and the text. Do you think it was written to inform or entertain? What do you know about the work of UNICEF?



B Skim the article and match the numbers and facts.

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|---|-------------|--------------------------|---|--|
| 1 | 1946 | <input type="checkbox"/> | a | the number of children who don't go to school in the world |
| 2 | 1953 | <input type="checkbox"/> | b | the year UNICEF was founded |
| 3 | 121 million | <input type="checkbox"/> | c | the number of children who work |
| 4 | 246 million | <input type="checkbox"/> | d | the year the emergency in Europe was over |

C Some words in a text can help you understand other words. Read the examples and do Exercises A and B on page 20 of the Workbook.

A All children should have a good education, health care (*doctors and medicines*) and good nutrition (*healthy food*).

B Children have to start working when they are less than 12 years old. *This is called child labour.*

C Natural disasters *like* floods can destroy schools.