

• SONITA ALIZADEH •

RAPPER

When Sonita was ten years old, her parents told her, "We have to sell you into marriage." They started buying her nice clothes and taking more care of her than they had done before.

Sonita did not know exactly what all this meant, but she knew she did not want to get married: She wanted to study, to write, and to sing songs. She told her mother so. Her mother said to her, "We need the money to buy a bride for your older brother. There is no choice. We must sell you."

At the last moment, the marriage arrangements fell through. War broke out in Afghanistan, where the family lived, and Sonita and her brother were sent away to live in a refugee camp in Iran. Sonita went to a school nearby and she started writing down her songs.

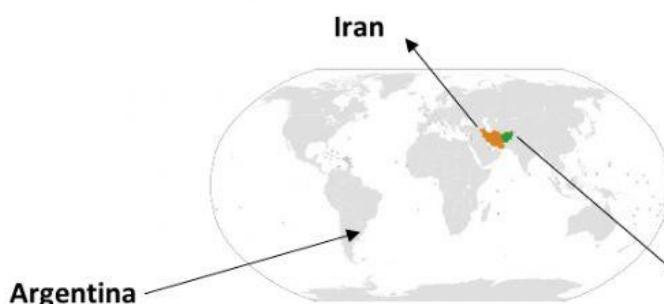
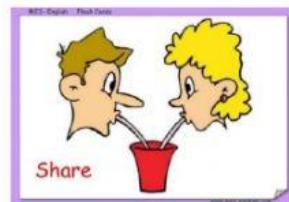
When Sonita was sixteen years old, her mom came to visit her. She told Sonita that she had to go back to Afghanistan because they had found another husband who wanted to buy her. Again, Sonita said no. Sonita loved her mom, but she did not want to get married. She wanted to be a rapper.

She wrote a hard-hitting song called "Brides for Sale" and uploaded it on YouTube. The video went viral and Sonita became famous. She won a scholarship to study music in America. "In my country, a good girl should be silent," says Sonita, "but I want to share the words that are in my heart."

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1. Primero observá todo el paratexto (títulos, subtítulos, imágenes), las palabras transparentes y el vocabulario que está a continuación:



2. Ahora sí leé el texto con atención y escribí si las siguientes oraciones son verdaderas (true) o falsas (false).

	TRUE/ FALSE
1. Sonita wanted to get married when she was 10.	
2. Sonita liked music.	
3. There was a war in Afghanistan.	
4. Sonita and her brother went to live in Iran.	
5. Sonita got married at the age of 16.	
6. Sonita studied music in America.	

3. Completá el siguiente cuadro:

