

# ABDUL

## Background

Abdul is in his early twenties and is a refugee. He has lived in the UK for less than two years. He is originally from Sudan and came to the UK after living in Libya, Italy and France. He enjoys listening to music and spending time with his friends.

## Languages

His first language is Arabic which he can read and write a little. He also speaks some French which he learnt while living there. He didn't know any English before coming to the UK. He taught himself how to speak English by watching videos and talking to people.

## Digital technologies

He is very confident in using a smartphone for social media, messaging and videos. He uses his phone in English and Arabic. He cannot use a computer with a keyboard at all.

## Previous education and employment

He went to school for two years in Sudan. He then worked in his uncle's shop which he enjoyed. He also worked as an electrician in Libya.

## Access to ESOL

He studies pre-Entry ESOL at a college and started 6 months ago. He studies three times a week for nine hours in total and feels this is the right amount of time for him. His brother recommended the class to him and came with him to interpret the first time.

## Engagement in ESOL provision

He enjoys his classes but finds reading and writing very hard and is frustrated these skills are not as good as his speaking. He can read some words but finds it difficult to copy letters and write simple words. He also finds it difficult to concentrate in class. He's not sure what would help him progress more. He sometimes misses classes because he has problems with his leg due to an injury. He also finds it difficult to pay for the bus fare; the job centre told him he should move to provision that is closer to his house but he likes his teacher. He has lots of English friends so speaks English outside of the class and is confident in most social and official situations.

## Outcomes and benefits

He wants to work but needs to learn English first. He hopes eventually to go to university and study Mechanical Engineering.

## Level

New learner (Emerging Entry 1)