

Short Reading

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Have you ever heard about child soldiers? There are about 300,000 child soldiers in more than 50 countries in the world. Some of them use guns. Can you believe that some of them are as old as us? I was very surprised to know that.

I heard about child soldiers for the first time when I watched a TV program. At the beginning of the program I had two questions: "Why are they looking for a bomb?" I knew the answer after I finished watching it. They are "soldiers." Sometimes adult soldiers catch children who are walking on the streets, take them to the *battlefields and give them dangerous jobs. Some of the child soldiers don't know the danger of using guns and finding bombs. Others don't know that killing people is really bad, either.

How do child soldiers live? I think that there is a big difference between their lives and ours. They practice using guns in their army life while we learn a lot at school and make friends in our school life. There is another difference. Though we have many dreams in our lives, living with their families is the only dream for them.

How can we help these children? Many people are trying to save child soldiers. One woman on the TV program is a member of a volunteer group to help such children in the world.

She said:

I heard some good news. A boy soldier returned home last month! He said, "During my army life I could not meet my parents. I was really sad. It was the hardest thing for me." If children become soldiers, they will lose such important things as their families, friends and so on. So I'll continue to help other child soldiers to see their smiles again.

Shall we get together and think about this problem?

battlefield 戦場

Question 1: 「少年兵の夢」を表したものとして、次の1~4の図の中から、最も適当なものを1つ選び、番号で答えなさい。

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Question 2: 次の文のうち、本文の内容とあっていれば○を、間違っていれば×を () に書きなさい。

1. The writer didn't know about child soldiers until watching the TV program about them.
2. Most child soldiers realize that it is dangerous to use guns and find bombs.
3. The woman on the TV program hopes that child soldiers will become good soldiers.

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