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Amjad Ktifa is the proud father of twins. The twins are named Rinad and Mohammad.

New country, new babies

LEVEL 2

2016 is a year of new beginnings for many Syrian families in Canada.

The Ktifa family is from Syria. They arrived in Vancouver on January 7, 2016.

Amjad and Wadaa Ktifa left Syria with their children. They fled to Jordan. Now they are in Canada. They are refugees.

New babies

On February 29 they gave birth to twins in Surrey Memorial Hospital. Each of the twins weighed five and a half pounds.

The twins were two weeks early. They are both healthy. The family is grateful for the care they received at the hospital.

The Ktifa family needs a bigger home

The Ktifa family is living in a two-bedroom basement apartment in Delta. The apartment is too small for this family of seven.

The twins have an 11-year old brother and two sisters aged 9 and 10.

The Ktifa's hope to find a larger home in the Guildford neighborhood. Many Syrian families already live in Guildford.

Amjad Ktifa says, "Canada is a safe country." Ktifa says he wants to get back to work and enjoy watching his children grow up in Canada.

Others need homes too

Many other Syrian refugee families are looking for homes. They need homes large enough for their families. They need homes they can afford.



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The Al-Gburi family spent two years in a Turkish refugee camp. Now they live in Surrey.

The Al-Gburi family

The Al-Gburi family were lucky. A church group in Surrey sponsored them to come to Canada.

The church group found a three-bedroom half-duplex in White Rock. Their new home is near a school for the six children.

Vocabulary

Refugee = ref·u·gee or ref-yoo-jee

Someone forced to leave their country because of danger.

Facts

Between Nov. 2015 and Feb. 2016

18,643 Syrian refugees arrived in Canada

[CKNW](#)

1053 Syrian refugees arrived in British Columbia
[Globe News](#)

Story adapted from [The Vancouver Sun](#) by Patty Bossort



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The Sua'flan family is looking for a home.

The Sua'flan family

The Sua'flan family is ready to settle into a new home. It has been hard for the Sua'flan family to find a home.

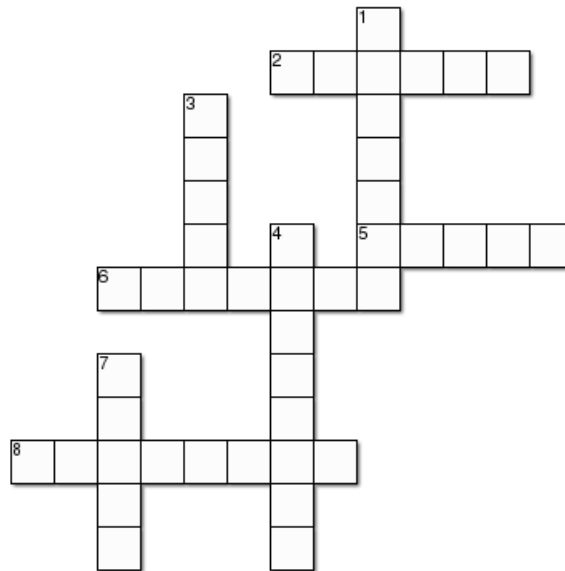
The places are too small. Some landlords don't want a family of nine. The rent is more than they can pay.

As of February they were still looking.

Exercise: crossword puzzle

More than one

Fill in the sentence with a word from the list. Each of these words is plural, or more than one. Put the word in the crossword below



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| refugees | parents | homes | sisters | weeks | places | twins | families |
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Across

- Most of the _____ are too small.
- The Ktifan family gave birth to _____.
- The new twins have two _____.
- Many refugee _____ come to Canada.

Down

- The Al-Gburi family has two _____.
- The twins were two _____ early.
- People forced to leave because of danger are _____.
- Refugee families need to find _____.

Answer Key

Across

2. Most of the places are too small.
 5. The Ktifan family gave birth to twins.
 6. The new twins have two sisters.
 8. Many refugee families come to Canada.

Down

1. The Al-Gburi family has two parents.
 3. The twins were two weeks early.
 4. People forced to leave because of danger are refugees.
 7. Refugee families need to find homes.

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