

Task

Read through text on The Convention of the Rights of the Child (CRC) and then answer the questions below.

**The Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) .....**

This **Convention** requires governments all around the world to think about the needs of young people and to consult them about matters that affect them, such as education, family life, law and order. Millions of young people do not have relatives to look after them: those caught up in civil wars in Africa, for instance. The CRC recognises this and says that young people must have rights of their own – rights that don't depend on parents or other adults.



There are still 250 000 children serving as soldiers around the world. The CRC states that 'Governments should not allow children under 15 to join the army.'

1. Why do you think the United Nations created a separate set of rights specifically for children?

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2. Can you think situations where children are vulnerable to mistreatment?

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