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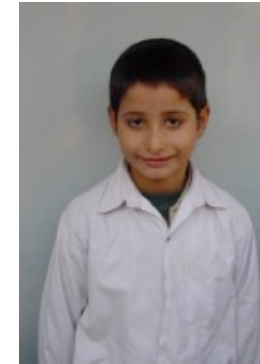
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Wasim

Wasim is a third grade student aged 8. He sells chips with his father after school. He helps his father in selling them because his father doesn't understand Urdu, the language of Pakistan. Wasim works till 11 at night and doesn't find much time for playing or studying. He loves Dari, the language of Afghanistan, and wants to become a doctor.



Naeem

is a sixth grade student and the only breadwinner of his family. At 14, the responsibility of a 7-membered family lies on his young shoulders. His father is very weak and old, and his mother has deteriorating vision due to which she cannot work. Two of his brothers were martyred during the Soviet occupation in the late 80s. He now single-handedly runs his entire family. He has a cart where he sells soup cooked by his sisters and he works after school till 11 or sometimes 12 at night. Naeem loves to study but when he comes to school at 8 in the morning after walking for 45 minutes he is extremely sleepy and fatigued. He wants to attend to his studies just like his other classmates but he does not find the time. His favorite subject is Science and he wants to become a doctor.