

## Iraq: Paragraphs

Here are some sentences about Iraq. There are sentences about:

- the landscape
- houses
- food
- shopping
- schools.

Highlight the sentences relating to each topic in a different colour, and then write five individual paragraphs about Iraq.

See what else you can find out, and write another paragraph of your own about a different topic.

1. Northern Iraq's landforms include mountains.
2. Housing is hard to find because war has destroyed many buildings.
3. Iraqi children must go to school from age 6 to 11.
4. Most Iraqis eat foods they can grow and raise themselves.
5. People in villages and cities shop in markets called souks.
6. The Syrian Desert covers south-western Iraq and this desert has many dry valleys.
7. In Iraq, it is traditional for men to go out shopping for food.
8. The first years of school are called the first level and children take classes in maths, religion, drama and language.
9. Many Iraqi homes are made of brick or stucco and have flat roofs and stone floors.
10. Wheat is used to make flat, round bread.
11. Souks are especially busy in the evenings, when temperatures are cooler and more comfortable for shopping.

12. Rivers flow in the valleys when rain falls.
13. Between the ages of 12 and 17, many children go to the second level of school.
14. Rice is used in many meals, mixed with vegetables and meat.
15. These homes have thick walls which keep the rooms cool during hot summers.
16. The rest of Iraq is made up of plains with two large rivers running through them called the Tigris and the Euphrates.
17. Vendors in souks sell everything from clothing and house-wares to fruit and gold.
18. Some Iraqis now live in empty government buildings or in tents.
19. Iraqis grill meat chunks and vegetables on thin sticks to make kebabs.
20. During the war, many school buildings were damaged and thieves stole furniture and equipment from the buildings.
21. People eat fish which comes from the Tigris River.