



Akelius



Edison Neighborhood



In Elbasan suburbs, close to the “Neighborhood of Hardship” is where Edison lives. He is the middle child in a family of three sons. He has an older brother, barely 12 years old who has to take care of their younger - 3 years old brother. In a way, Edison is lucky - he only needs to take care of himself. The 9-year-old Edison reads and writes Albanian with difficulties, yet Edison seems to progress steadily in English. The English Teacher, Rexhina Dede tells us how much he enjoys technology and how he looks forward to attend Akelius classes. Using games and technology makes learning fun and simple. In a few weeks, Edison has learned many English words and he can't wait to learn more. When asked what he wants more in life, Edison answers, - “a house and a bike”. He loves to ride and play with his friends.



Edison Misha in the cabinet "Akelius"

Majority of students who attend “Hamit Mullisi” 9-year school in Elbasan come from economically disadvantaged families. Edison’s family is one of them. During the pandemic crisis, Edison’s family couldn’t even benefit the economic aid as it failed to register. The three children couldn’t get enough food as their parents couldn’t go to the market to sell used clothes.

After the isolation was over, the situation in his family started to get better. Now Edison comes to school every day and he never misses “Akelius” classes. He likes to study, and he is in the right path.

During the recent years, the entire world has faced an eminent refugees and emigrants’ crisis. Language is a key component to help individuals’ integration to society. “Akelius Foundation and UNICEF created “Akelius”, a digital platform to teach English. This platform helps children and adults to learn foreign languages in an easy way.
