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**Malala a Brave Girl from  
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**“Who is Malala?”** the Taliban fighter demands, looking into the school van.



Malala is a girl who isn't afraid.

*"I will power myself with knowledge,"* she says.



"Don't go to school,"  
the Taliban fighters tell the girls in Swat Valley.  
"Don't read," they say.  
The girls don't listen.  
They are brave girls.