

**Engaging task.** Discuss with your colleagues in groups of 4-6.

1. Where are your parents and grandparents from?
2. Do you know anyone who has moved to another town/country?

## MIGRATION: TYPES AND REASONS

Migration is the movement of people from one place to live in another. Emigrants leave their country, while immigrants enter a country. Migration impacts on both the place left behind, and on the place where migrants settle. People have many reasons why they might want to move from one place to another. These reasons may be economic, social, political or environmental. For migration to take place there are usually push factors and pull factors at work.

Push factors are the reasons that make someone decide to move. This is their own experience of life in one place which gives them good reasons to leave it. Often push factors are negative things such as unemployment, crop failure, droughts, flooding, war, poor education opportunities or poor services and amenities.

Pull factors, on the other hand, are the expectations which attract people to the new place. They are usually positive things such as job opportunities, a better standard of living, better education or better healthcare.



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Many people choose to migrate. These are **voluntary migrants**. Many are **economic migrants**. Other voluntary migrants include older dependants who want to live somewhere warm and sunny in their retirement. However many other people have no choice and are forced to leave their homes. These are **involuntary migrants**. Their lives and homes may be in danger due to war or a natural disaster. These people are also called **refugees**.

There are different types of migration such as **counter-urbanization**, **emigration**, **immigration**, **internal migration**, **international migration** and **rural-urban migration**. What are their definitions?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ is when people migrate within the same country or region - for example, moving from London to Plymouth.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is when people migrate from one country to another - for example, moving from Mexico to the USA.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ when someone leaves a country. The people moving away are called emigrants.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ when someone enters a country. The people entering a country are called immigrants.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the movement of people from the countryside to the cities in countries where amenities and opportunities are better in urban areas. This mainly happens in developing countries such as India.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ is the movement out of cities into the rural areas for a more relaxed lifestyle and less pollution.

