

## Video zone – Why do people migrate?

### Instructions

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do Task 1. You can also read the transcript.

### Preparation task

Match the definitions (a–h) with the vocabulary (1–8).

<b>Vocabulary</b>	<b>Definition</b>
1. .... starving	a. to move to a different country, often in search of a better life
2. .... to migrate	b. when a person suffers or dies from extreme hunger
3. .... to persecute	c. the likelihood that a person will be able to keep his/her job
4. .... to flee	d. a war between groups of people who live in the same country
5. .... a civil war	e. continuing for a short or limited amount of time
6. .... job security	f. to run away from danger
7. .... temporary	g. to treat someone cruelly or unfairly because of their race, religion or beliefs
8. .... asylum	h. protection given by a government to someone escaping danger in another country

### Task 1 – True or false?

Decide if the sentences are true or false.

	<b>Answers</b>	
1. People only migrate from Africa and Asia.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
2. People only migrate for economic reasons.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
3. War is one of the reasons that people leave their homes.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
4. Both adults and children can be migrants.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
5. Countries always accept migrants.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>
6. It's not always safe for people to go back to their countries.	<i>True</i>	<i>False</i>

### Discussion

Do you know any migrants? Why did they move?

## Transcript

**Sajwaa:** Would you leave your home if it would save your life?

**Shakeeb:** Would you leave if another country offered a better life for your family?

**Alain:** Would you leave your home if you were being persecuted?

**Ines:** Would you move to another country if you couldn't find work?

**Priyanga:** Would you, would you leave everything that you had behind, all your friends, all your family, all your belongings, everything that you played with, everything you grew up with?

**Sajwaa:** I left Iraq in 2006 with my three children, due to the escalated situation back there. There was a civil war in Iraq, and due to my background and my husband's, we were subject to persecution and threats by different parties.

**Shakeeb:** I left India because in search of more experience and because I wanted to get more exposed in my job. I wanted to learn more different cuisine and I had always heard about Europe that there's more working and good working environment, more job security and, you know, people are more accepting people from the other part of the world.

**Alain:** I left Congo because of political problems. In our country especially, everything is not going in a good way. Everything – that means that people are starving every day, uh, children are not going to school. There's no freedom, you know, you can't even express yourself. And, um, that time I felt if I would go back to the country, I would die or maybe to, I would be persecuted.

**Ines:** Uh, my name is Ines, I come from Portugal, and I came to the UK because of job, because of work. Uh, at the time, it was not as bad as it is now, uh, but I still couldn't find, uh, any sort of work for two years. Uh, for some time I was doing temporary, uh, jobs and these started to be less and less until I had nothing.

**Priyanga:** I came here simply for a better life. My parents and I, uh, we left Sri Lanka when I was two years old and we had to flee the country because there was a civil war that broke loose and both my parents were, their, their lives were in danger. Um, and we came to the UK, um, we came here in the year 2000, and several locations, uh, applications, like uh, asylum process was rejected, and we had to keep on, keep putting in fresh claims.

What is it that will make you leave your home, home? What is it that will make you leave everything that you have – all your friends, all your family, everything that you own – and go into a different country?

## Answers

### Preparation

1. b
2. a
3. g
4. f
5. d
6. c
7. e
8. h

### Task 1 – True or false?

1. False
2. False
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. True