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A People on the move

| Word | Meaning | Example |
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| flee (from) sth/sb pt/pp fled | escape from a dangerous situation, place or person very quickly | <i>Thousands of people are fleeing the bombing in the city.</i> |
| refugee | sb who is forced to leave their country for political, religious or environmental reasons | <i>Many refugees have crossed the border to escape the war.</i> |
| refuge | shelter or protection from trouble or danger | <i>The men had to take/seek refuge in the French embassy.</i> |
| asylum | the protection a country gives to a refugee | <i>The numbers seeking / applying for asylum have increased recently.</i> |
| ethnic | connected with or belonging to a nation or race that shares a cultural tradition | <i>an ethnic community</i> |
| minority | a small group within a community or country that is different because of race, religion, etc. | <i>Ethnic minorities make up 10% of the town's population.</i> |
| racial discrimination | existing between people of different races the practice of treating sb or a group in society less fairly than others | <i>racial tension/violence a victim of racial/sex discrimination</i> |
| prejudice (against sb/sth) | a strong dislike of sb, especially based on race, religion or sex, and not on reason or experience | <i>Their decision was based on prejudice and a complete lack of understanding.</i> |

SPOTLIGHT *migration*

Migration is the movement of people or animals from one place to another. People are **migrants**.

Immigration is the process of coming to live in a country that is not your own. People are **immigrants**. **migrate** v

Emigration is the process of going to live in another country that is not your own. **emigrate** v

1 Is the pronunciation of the underlined letters the same or different? Write S or D. Use the  to help you.

1 flee refugee 3 prejudice refuge 5 ethnic minority 7 racial emigration
2 refuge asylum 4 migration minority 6 prejudice refuge 8 asylum migrant

2 Circle the correct word(s). Sometimes both words are possible.

- 1 In 2017–2018, **immigration** / **emigration** from the UK to other parts of the world increased.
- 2 Most refugees who **seek** / **apply** asylum do so in a country neighbouring their own.
- 3 Representatives of the city's **ethnic** / **racial** communities are involved in the discussions.
- 4 The villagers took **refugee** / **refuge** in nearby towns.
- 5 In the past, there was more racial **prejudice** / **discrimination**.
- 6 People **fled** / **flew** in terror to escape the flood.
- 7 Ignorance is often behind the prejudice against **migrants** / **immigrants**.
- 8 Women and children were forced to **seek** / **take** refuge in the local church.

3 One word is missing in each line. What is it, and where does it go?

- 1 There's no limit on the number of people given political in this country.
- 2 Racial and sexual is against the law in matters of employment.
- 3 Economic to richer countries has existed for centuries.
- 4 There are over 2,000 seeking political asylum in this country.
- 5 Nearly half a million people were forced to their homes during the civil war, and many of them refuge in the mountains, away from the fighting.
- 6 My neighbour has always had a against people whose skin is a different colour.
- 7 Asians only form a small within the population.
- 8 There has been a lot of tension between different ethnic groups.



B Migration: a personal experience

Moving from my **native** country was a huge **culture shock**. There was a lot to get used to – not least of all the food! But I didn't suffer the **prejudice** or **hostility** that some migrants experience. **For the most part**, people have accepted me for what I am, including my **religious faith**. They've seen beyond the **stereotype**. And for my part, I recognize the need for **integration** in order to be able to **live in peace** with my neighbours. I still have feelings of **nostalgia** for my **country of origin**, and I suppose I will always be a foreigner in some respects; but this is home now, and I have no **desire** to go back.



GLOSSARY

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| native | connected with the place where you were born and lived for the first few years of your life: your native country/land/city |
| shock | the feeling you get when sth unpleasant happens. Culture shock is the confusion and anxiety that sb may feel when they visit or first live in another country. |
| hostility (to/ towards sb) | very strong aggressive feelings against sb/sth hostile adj |
| faith | a strong belief in sth, often a religious faith |
| stereotype | a fixed idea of what a particular type of person or thing is like, but which is often not true stereotypical adj |
| Integration | the process of becoming a full member of a group or society integrate (into sth) v |
| live in peace (with sb) | live without arguing with other people |
| nostalgia | a feeling of sadness mixed with pleasure when you think of happy times in the past nostalgic adj |
| origin | a person's social and family background: a person's country of origin (= where they were born) |
| desire | a strong wish: have a desire / no desire to do sth |

SPOTLIGHT idioms with part

for the most part mostly; usually
for my part speaking for myself ALSO **for his/her, etc. part**
in part partly; to some extent: **His success was due in part to luck.**
have a part to play (in sth) be able to help sth
■ **We all have a part to play in the fight against racial discrimination.**

4 Combine words/phrases in the box to form six phrases.

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| culture | live | faith | have no | to play | country |
| desire to do sth | have a part | of origin | in peace | shock | religious |

5 Cross out the word which is wrong. Write the correct word at the end.

- 1 Why is there so much hostility for politicians in this town?
- 2 The problems are due in partly to overcrowding.
- 3 Do you have feelings of nostalgic for your childhood?
- 4 He doesn't fit the stereoscope of a typical 30-year-old businessman.
- 5 The government policy is to aid newcomers' integrity into society.
- 6 I'm a natural New Yorker: in fact, I've never lived anywhere else.

6 Complete the dialogue.

Beth When you first emigrated, what things did you have to get used to?

Amy Well, obviously the climate! But seriously, in my (1) country, many people no longer have a strong religious (2) , whereas here, religion is at the heart of people's lives, so that added to my sense of culture (3) I discovered that for the most (4) people had a (5) view of how western women behave, as they seemed surprised when they got to know me. I dressed appropriately and behaved sensitively, as I had no (6) to upset people. Basically, (7) my part, I just wanted to (8) into society as best I could.

Beth And do you feel that's happened?

Amy To be honest, people have never been (9) towards me – quite the opposite. People here just want to live in (10) with each other, as I do. Having said that, I will always be something of a foreigner here, and I still feel (11) sometimes when I think of home.



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