Vocabulary

Problem or *trouble*?

1 Complete these questions with *problem* or *trouble*.

1 What has been the main ..... you have had in adapting to a new country?
2 Have you had ..... communicating with people?
3 If you have a ..... have you got someone who will help you?
4 Have you got into ..... because of something you didn't understand?
5 Is the language a ..... for you?

Affect or *effect*?

2 Complete these questions with the correct form of *affect* or *effect*.

1 Have the people you've met had an ..... on you?
2 Does the weather ..... how you feel?
3 Has being away from your friends and family ..... you more than you expected?
4 What have been the main ..... of living in a new country?
5 What ..... you the most – the people or the place?

Percent or *percentage*

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3 Complete these sentences about emigration from a country with *percent* or *percentage*.

1 The percentage of people planning to emigrate rose last year.
2 Only a small ..... planned to live abroad permanently.
3 The ..... planning short-term emigration was higher last year than this year.
4 There was a rise of three ..... in the number of people planning to leave.
5 Last year, four ..... of people said that they were thinking of emigrating.
6 This year, 73 ..... of people emigrating did so for reasons of employment.

Key vocabulary

4 Complete the sentences below with the words in the box. There are two words which do not fit into any of the gaps.

accustomed adjusting customs seek
~~surroundings~~ values process matters
sense referring evidence stages

Moving to a new country

- Being in unfamiliar (1) surroundings can make you feel lonely.
- (2) ..... to a new life is a difficult (3) ..... . You probably go through several (4) ..... before you start to feel comfortable.
- It can be hard to understand how to deal with financial (5) ..... because the system is so different from the one you are (6) ..... to.
- Researchers have found (7) ..... that certain personality types have less trouble than others in getting used to living abroad.
- If some of the (8) ..... in your new country don't make (9) ..... to you, it's a good idea to (10) ..... out people from your own culture who can explain them to you.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Writing Task 1

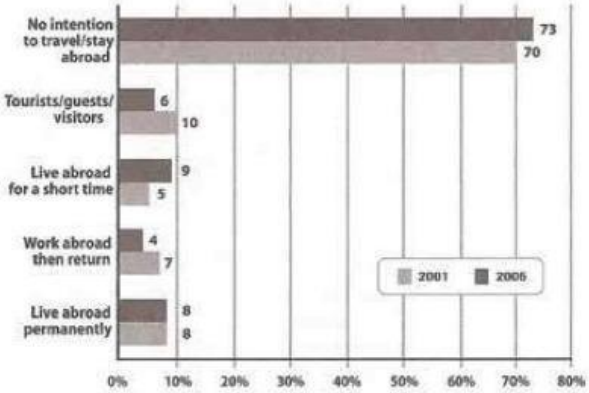
1 Look at the chart below. Which of the descriptions, A–C, correctly matches the chart? Why are the other descriptions not appropriate?

A The chart below shows levels of emigration from Bulgaria in the 15–60 age group in 2001 and 2006.

B The chart below shows the plans of Bulgarian people aged 15–60 concerning leaving Bulgaria and living or working in another country in 2001 and 2006.

C The chart below compares reasons why Bulgarians aged 15–60 decided to leave Bulgaria in 2001 and 2006.

Emigration intentions, Bulgarians aged 15–60, 2001 & 2006



2 Answer these questions about the chart.

1 What did most Bulgarians aged 15–60 plan to do in both years? .....

2 Which categories were higher in 2006 than in 2001? .....

3 What was the lowest category in 2001?

.....

4 What happened in the category of people intending to live abroad permanently?

.....

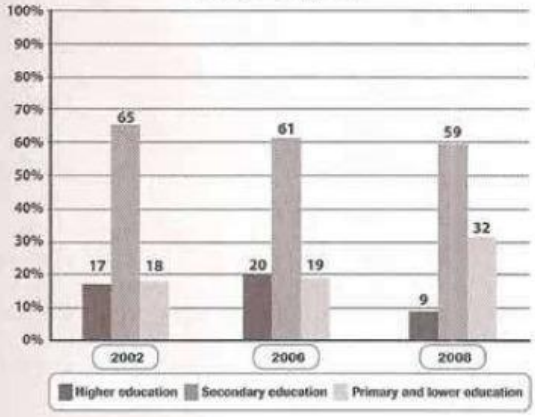
5 Which categories were higher in 2001 than in 2006? .....

3 Look at this Writing task and decide which of the statements below are correct or not. Write *Yes* or *No*.

The chart below gives information about the level of education of Bulgarian people who wanted to go and live in another country in 2002, 2006 and 2008.

Summarise the information by selecting and reporting the main features, and make comparisons where relevant.

Level of education of Bulgarians planning to leave Bulgaria



1 The figure for people with higher education level fell in both 2006 and 2008. .....

2 One of the categories was the highest in every year. .....

3 Two of the categories rose in 2006. .....

4 One of the categories was lower in 2008 than in 2002. .....

5 The figure for people with primary and lower education rose each year. .....

6 The figure for secondary education was a lot lower in 2008 than in 2006. .....

4 Now write your answer for the Writing task in Exercise 3.

LIVEWORKSHEETS

Grammar

Making comparisons

1 This email is from Krishna, who has gone to live abroad. Complete the sentences with the comparative or superlative form of the adjective or adverb in brackets.

Hi Neha,

Well, I've been here for a month now and things are fine. Of course, everything here is different from what I'm used to, and I'm finding some things (1) ...easier... (easy) to deal with than others.

The course is (2) ..... (demanding) than I expected and I'm having to work (3) ..... (hard) than I ever have before. (4) ..... (difficult) aspect of the course is the amount of work we have to do. Last week I had to write five essays – that's (5) ..... (tiring) thing I've ever done! The best aspect of the course is the other students. They're (6) ..... (friendly) people I've ever met and because of them I'm (7) ..... (stressed) now than I was the first week of the course.

Lots of things have changed for me in comparison with my life at home. I have to travel (8) ..... (far) to college, a lot of things are (9) ..... (expensive) and the weather is a lot (10) ..... (bad)! The city is (11) ..... (big) than anywhere I've lived before and life is (12) ..... (fast) here. I've never been (13) ..... (busy) than I am now but this is (14) ..... (exciting) thing I've ever done and I'm really pleased that I'm here!

I'll write to you (15) ..... (regular) in future.

Love,

Krishna

2 Complete the first sentence with the comparative or superlative form of the word in brackets. Then complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence.

1 a The town I come from is a lot ...smaller... (small) than this one.
  b This town is ...bigger... than the one I come from.
2 a Money is a problem because life here is ..... (expensive) than life at home.
  b Money is a problem because life at home is ..... than life here.
3 a I am ..... (old) person in my class.
  b The other people in my class are ..... than me.
4 a The transport system here is ..... (good) than the one at home.
  b The transport system at home is ..... than the one here.
5 a People here speak ..... (slow) than people at home.
  b People at home speak ..... than people here.
6 a Moving to another country is ..... (difficult) thing you can do!
  b Nothing is ..... than moving to another country.

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