Why People Move

Explore reasons people leave home and choose a new place.

7.C.3.5.B "Describe contemporary reasons and examples of migration (e.g., drought in agricultural eastern Africa resulting in urbanization, overpopulation of India's cities due to employment options in high-tech industries)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB As you read, underline a reason people leave home in each paragraph and circle a reason they choose a destination. In each paragraph, label the starting place 1 and the destination 2.

From Fields to Cities

1. In parts of eastern Africa, a family may depend on crops and livestock for income. When a long drought dries fields and reduces grazing land, earning enough money becomes difficult. Some families move from rural areas to cities, where they hope to find paid work and reliable services. This movement from the countryside to a city is called urbanization. A farmer might leave a dry district for a nearby city and take a job at a market. Drought does not force every family to move, but it can make staying harder.

2. In India, cities such as Bengaluru and Hyderabad offer jobs in software and other high-tech industries. A young adult from a smaller town might move to Bengaluru for a programming job. Others may follow for work in shops, restaurants, or transportation that serve a growing city. The chance to earn a wage draws people toward these places, even when they are not fleeing a disaster. As more people arrive, housing and roads can become crowded. A new job can improve one person's income while also adding pressure to city services.

3. In Bangladesh, heavy rain and river flooding can damage homes and farmland. A family from a farming village whose fields flood year after year may move to Dhaka, a large city, to look for work. Some people travel only during seasons when work at home is scarce, while others settle elsewhere for years. Flooding is a reason to leave, and the hope of earning money is a reason to choose a particular destination. Migration can solve one problem for a family, yet a crowded destination may struggle to provide enough housing.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why might a farmer in eastern Africa leave a rural district, and where might the farmer go?

2. What jobs might draw people to Bengaluru, including people who do not work in high-tech industries?

3. Why might a family leave a farming village in Bangladesh for Dhaka? Include a reason to leave and a reason to choose Dhaka.

4. Which two examples show an environmental reason to leave home? Which example mainly shows a job opportunity drawing people to a city?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a small town's only factory shuts down while a nearby city opens a wind turbine plant. In three sentences, describe why a worker might move, why the city appeals, and one possible effect on the city if many workers move there.

ANSWER KEY

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GRADE 7 · 7.C.3.5.B

PART 1 · READ AND MARK

As you read, underline a reason people leave home in each paragraph and circle a reason they choose a destination. In each paragraph, label the starting place 1 and the destination 2. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why might a farmer in eastern Africa leave a rural district, and where might the farmer go?	**Drought can make farming and earning money difficult, so the farmer might move to a nearby city for paid work.**
2	What jobs might draw people to Bengaluru, including people who do not work in high-tech industries?	**Programming and other high-tech jobs may draw people there. Jobs in shops, restaurants, and transportation may draw others.**
3	Why might a family leave a farming village in Bangladesh for Dhaka? Include a reason to leave and a reason to choose Dhaka.	**Repeated flooding can damage the family's fields, and the family may choose Dhaka to look for work.**
4	Which two examples show an environmental reason to leave home? Which example mainly shows a job opportunity drawing people to a city?	**Drought in eastern Africa and flooding in Bangladesh are environmental reasons to leave. High-tech jobs in Indian cities are an opportunity that draws people.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A worker might leave the small town because the factory closure means fewer jobs there. The nearby city might attract the worker because the wind turbine plant is hiring. If many workers make the same move, the city may need more housing.

Accept other passage-supported reasons for choosing a city, such as reliable services in the eastern Africa example. For Your Turn, accept a plausible effect of many arrivals, such as crowded roads or increased demand for services.