Why People Move

Trace the pressures and opportunities behind migration.

7.C.3.5 "Describe the reasons for emigration and immigration. Examine the role of pull factors (e.g., economic opportunity, education, family) and the role of push factors (e.g., political unrest, religious persecution, war, famine..."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each reason people leave and circle each reason they choose a destination. Number each move 1 if it stays within a country or 2 if it crosses a national border.

Three Paths to a New Home

1 Migration means moving to live somewhere new. When people leave a country, they emigrate from it. When they enter another country to live, they immigrate to it. The same move can be called emigration from one country's view and immigration from another's. A push factor makes people want or need to leave, while a pull factor attracts them to a new place. Some people choose to move for a job or school. Others must flee danger and have little real choice.

2 In parts of eastern Africa, long dry spells can ruin harvests and leave farm families with too little food or income. A family might move from its village to a nearby city, hoping to find paid work and reliable water. The drought is a push factor; jobs and services in the city are pull factors. This move is rural-to-urban migration within one country, not immigration. Even if the family decides when to leave, failed crops may leave it with few practical choices.

3 Meanwhile, technology companies in Indian cities attract workers from smaller towns. A worker who moves to Bengaluru for a software job is moving within India. Better pay is a pull factor, and this move is usually voluntary. Yet some city neighborhoods face crowded housing as jobs draw more people than local services can easily support. Across a national border, a different story unfolds when war forces families to flee their country. They emigrate from home and immigrate to a safer country. Safety draws them, but the flight itself is involuntary.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. For the farm family, identify one push factor and one pull factor. Explain how each affects the move.

2. Why is the worker's move to Bengaluru migration but not immigration? What makes this move usually voluntary?

3. For a family fleeing war, identify the push factor and a pull factor. Why is the move involuntary?

4. How can the family's journey across a national border be both emigration and immigration?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Invent a move between two countries caused by a reason not described in the passage. In four sentences, name a push factor and a pull factor, explain whether the move is voluntary or involuntary, and use emigrate and immigrate correctly.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each reason people leave and circle each reason they choose a destination. Number each move 1 if it stays within a country or 2 if it crosses a national border. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	For the farm family, identify one push factor and one pull factor. Explain how each affects the move.	**Drought pushes the family away by damaging crops. Jobs or reliable water pull the family toward the city.**
2	Why is the worker's move to Bengaluru migration but not immigration? What makes this move usually voluntary?	**The worker moves to a new place within India, not into another country. The worker usually chooses to move for a software job and better pay.**
3	For a family fleeing war, identify the push factor and a pull factor. Why is the move involuntary?	**War pushes the family out, and safety pulls it toward another country. The family has little real choice because it must escape danger.**
4	How can the family's journey across a national border be both emigration and immigration?	**The family emigrates from the country it leaves and immigrates to the country it enters.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

After a volcanic eruption destroys their home in Iceland, a family moves to Norway. The destroyed home is a push factor, and relatives who can house them in Norway are a pull factor. The move is involuntary because their home is unsafe. They emigrate from Iceland and immigrate to Norway.

Accept other passage-supported push and pull factors. For Part 3, check that the invented reason differs from those in the passage and that emigration and immigration are named from the correct countries' perspectives.