



IMMIGRATION

***“Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free.”***

From *The New Colossus* by Emma Lazarus (1849 – 1887)

1. Immigration Discussion

1. What are some of the different reasons people move to other countries?
2. Do you know anyone who has moved to a different country? Why did they move and where did they move to? Do they like living there?
3. What problems do immigrants face in their new countries? How would you deal with these problems if you were an immigrant?
4. What rights should new immigrants have? Should they be able to work or vote, for example?
5. Are there many immigrants in your country? Where do they usually come from? Why do you think they moved from their country? Have these immigrants integrated into society, or do they tend to segregate themselves? Do you know any of these immigrants personally?
6. Would you say your country and its people are open and welcoming to immigrants?
7. How can society help immigrants settle?
8. Does immigration threaten local culture in anyway?

2. Immigration Vocabulary

- **to immigrate (to) / migrate (to)** (verb), **immigration / migration** (nouns) – *to move to another country (immigration) or simply to move (migration).*
- **to emigrate (from)** (verb) – *to move from a country.*
- **to deport** (verb), **deportation** (noun) – *to expel a foreign person from a country.*
- **brain drain / human capital flight** (noun) – *the emigration of highly skilled workers from a country creating a skills shortage.*
- **economic migrant / migrant worker** (noun) – *someone who moves to another country in search of better living standards.*
- **undocumented migrant** (AmE) / **illegal immigrant** (BrE) / **irregular migrant** (UN term) (nouns) – *a foreign person whose presence in a country is in violation of the immigration laws of that country.*

Using the vocabulary words above, complete the following sentences (remember to use the correct form of the word, e.g. verb conjugation or plural noun):

1. Any immigrant found to have committed a crime will be **deported** immediately.
2. As Qatar only has a tiny number of Qatari citizens, its economy relies heavily on **economic migrants** who make up around 88% of the population.
3. Many African countries are suffering from **brain drain/human capital flight** as wealthier nations actively target their doctors and nurses to work in their healthcare systems.
4. During the Potato Famine from 1845 to 1849, thousands of people **emigrated** from Ireland to settle in the United States.
5. With the expansion of the EU into Eastern Europe, around 2 million people **immigrated/migrated** to the UK from these countries.
6. The United States caused outrage and anger around the world when it was discovered that the children of **undocumented migrants** had been separated from their parents and locked in cages.

Immigration vocabulary comprehension questions

1. Would you like to immigrate to a different country? If so, which country would you like to move to and what would you do there?
2. Why do people emigrate from your country? Where do they usually go?
3. Which people should be deported from your country?
4. Could your country be suffering from brain drain? How can countries prevent human capital flight?
5. Are economic migrants a problem, or are they a solution to problems?
6. Which places have a problem with illegal immigration? What would cause someone to become an illegal immigrant? How do illegal immigrants enter a country?

3. Video: The Economic Impact Of Immigration

You are going to watch a video by CNBC called "How does immigration impact the economy?"

Watch the video here: <https://youenglishpal.com/blog/esl-conversation-lesson-plan-immigration/>

While you watch the video, answer the following questions:

Multiple choice

1. Which country has the most immigrants in the world?
a) the United States b) the United Kingdom c) the United Arab Emirates
2. How is the United States often referred to as?
a) a nation of ignorants b) a nation of emigrants **c) a nation of immigrants**
3. The border of which country has become a focal point in the immigration debate?
a) Canada **b) Mexico** c) Cuba
4. How does migration affect the proportion of working-age people in a country?
a) it decreases it b) it doesn't change it **c) it increases it**

Sentence completion

5. To avoid the strain of an aging population, advanced economies should open their **borders**.
6. Immigrants are two to three times more likely to start a **company**.
7. Both low-skilled and high-skilled migrants contribute to increased **productivity**.
8. Many migrants face a **language barrier** which can hinder integration.

Short answer

9. How many illegal immigrants are there in the United States? **11 million**
10. Sales and personal services require a command of what? **The English language**
11. What is one of the major costs to local and state governments because of immigrants?
Education
12. Who contribute more taxes than the native-born population? **Second-generation immigrants**

4. Immigration Conversation Questions

1. Which countries have strict immigration policies? Why do you think this is?
2. Do you think it's easy to immigrate to your country? Is it too easy?
3. Should your government limit the number of people entering the country? If so, under what circumstances? What requirements should there be for people who want to immigrate?
4. Why are the people of some countries, such as in Europe or North America, so opposed to immigration? Is immigration a problem?
5. Is immigration good or bad for the economy? What effect does it have on wages and the employment rate? Why might a country need lots of immigrants?
6. Are immigrants more or less productive than the native-born population?
7. Do you think there is a connection between immigration and crime?
8. Should all immigration policies be scrapped in favour of free movement so people can move to any country they want? If this happened, what would be the result?

5. Immigration Writing Task

Write about how immigration affects a country. Try to use some of the vocabulary you learned earlier in this lesson. In your answer, you could include some of the following topics:

- The benefits of immigration.
- Any problems caused by immigration.
- What policies are needed to control immigration.

Alternative exam practice question:

Some people say that countries rely too heavily on attracting highly skilled immigrants to fill gaps in their labour markets, rather than investing in necessary education and training for their own citizens. Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the immigration of highly skilled migrants to a country.