

IMMIGRATION

Discussion

Basic questions

1 What is your own definition of "Immigration"?

**In my own opinion, Immigration is...*

2 Are there many immigrants in your community?

**Yes, there are... / No, there aren't...*

3 Do you know any immigrants?

**Yes, I do. / No, I don't.*

4 Is it easy to immigrate to your country?

**Yes, it is. / No, it isn't.*

5 What are some of the reasons people immigrate to other countries?

**Some of the reasons are...*

Extended questions

1 Is immigration good or bad?

**Immigration is... because...*

2 Do you think that immigrants are treated well in in most countries?

**Yes, I think... / No, I don't think...*

3 Should any government limit the number of immigrants entering the country?

**Yes, some governments should... / No, governments shouldn't...*

4 Should immigrants be required to learn the local language?

**Yes, immigrants should... / No, immigrants shouldn't*

5 What should be the requirements for naturalization?

**The requirements for naturalization should be...*

6 What can be done to prevent illegal immigration?

**In order to prevent illegal immigration...*

Vocabulary



- 1** **immigrate /'imigreit/**
[verb] to come to live in a different country
Ex. He immigrated with his parents in 1895 and grew up on Long Island.
- 2** **immigrant /'imigrənt/**
[noun] a person who has come to a different country in order to live there permanently
Ex. Illegal immigrants are sent back across the border if they are caught.
- 3** **emigrate /'emigreit/**
[verb] to leave a country permanently and go to live in another one
Ex. Millions of Germans emigrated from Europe to America in the 19th century.
- 4** **citizen /'sitizn/**
[noun] a person who legally belongs to a country and has the rights and protection of that country
Ex. They were English citizens but lived most of their lives in America.
- 5** **naturalization /,nætʃrəlaɪ'zeɪʃn/**
[noun] - verb: naturalize
the process whereby an immigrant becomes a citizen.
Ex. The government refused the naturalization of the immigrants without proper documentation.
- 6** **deport /di'pɔ:t/**
[verb] to force someone to leave a country, especially someone who has no legal right to be there or who has broken the law
Ex. Thousands of illegal immigrants had been deported.

Useful Expressions



1 first generation immigrant : this is either an immigrant or a child on an immigrant [sometimes it is hyphenated as “first-generation”]

2 to put down roots: to settle somewhere, become established

Ex. Most of the immigrants stayed to start a new life and put down roots in their new land.

3 to scrape by : to succeed just barely in managing or surviving, especially despite severely limited resources

Ex. When I was out of work, my family and I barely scraped by. We scraped by on just \$3 a day.

4 Push-Pull Theory : "push" (reasons why people wanted to leave their country) and "pull" (reasons why people wanted to come to a new land)

5 influx of immigrants : this is usually used in a negative sense meaning that there are too many immigrants.

Ex. Germany is struggling to deal with an influx of immigrants.