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Migration



What is a migrant?

- Why do people leave their home country?
- How do citizens of host countries feel about migrants?

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DEFINITIONS OF MIGRANTS

- **migrant**: often moves around, e.g. for seasonal work
- **economic migrant**: moves abroad for better job opportunities
- **legal migrant**: has the right to live and work in certain other countries
- **undocumented immigrant/illegal alien**: enters a foreign country to live/work without the required permits
- **refugee**: has fled their home country due to persecution or conflict
- **asylum seeker**: applies to stay in a host country for protection

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REASONS FOR MIGRATION

- **humanitarian crises**: war or conflict makes the home country unsafe → people become displaced
- **natural disasters due to climate change**: displacement due to flooding, drought, etc. → made worse by factors such as poverty
- **persecution**: due to a person's political views or sexual orientation
- **economic factors**: people want a better life with better job opportunities

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ATTITUDES TO MIGRANTS

- fear of high costs to the social system
- migrants will either take jobs or are too lazy to work
- dilution of native culture through migrant culture → reluctance to integrate
- threat to security → fear of criminality and terrorism

IMPORTANT VOCABULARY

consensual	einvernehmlich
to deter	abschrecken
displaced	vertrieben
displaced person	Flüchtling, Vertriebene/r
drought	Dürre

illegal alien	illegaler Einwanderer
perilous	lebensgefährlich
persecution	Verfolgung
scarce	knapp
to be suspicious of	misstrauisch sein