

Migration

Key Words

There are many words used when discussing migration, some are tied to legal definitions, others address the processes involved or the reasons for migrating.

Here are 10 key words & their definitions that you should know when learning about migration:

Migration

People moving from one place to another

Asylum Seeker

Someone who has left their own country, often for political reasons or because of war, and who has travelled to another country hoping that the government will protect them and allow them to live there. They are in the process of seeking asylum or refuge.

Migrant

Someone who moves from one place to another in order to live in another country for more than a year.

Diversity

A range of people with different skin colours, languages, beliefs, customs etc.

Diaspora

A scattered population with a common origin in a smaller geographic area. Diaspora can also refer to the movement of the population from its original homeland.

Refugee

A person who has fled their country due to well-founded fear of persecution for political, religious or ethnic reasons, or because of war, who has been granted refugee status to remain in a new country.

Emigration

The act of someone leaving to go and live in a different country

Citizen

A legally recognised national of a state or commonwealth, either native (born there) or naturalised (given citizenship to).

Immigration

The act of someone coming to live in a different country

Identity

Who a person is, or the qualities of a person or group that distinguishes them from others.