

Refugees

Objectives

- ▶ I will explain what a refugee is.
- ▶ I will explore viewpoints of different people about refugees.
- ▶ I will take part in a hot seating task to identify different points of view about refugees.
- ▶ I will write a diary of a refugee to help me empathise with refugees and the problems they face.

Starter

- ▶ Write down your thoughts about the song we are going to listen to.
- ▶ At the end of the song we will share them as a class.

Conflict

Disagreements between people or countries

Discrimination	Not letting people do something because of their race, gender, disability, etc.
Fear	To be scared of something or someone
Prejudice	Stereotyping people depending on one thing about them
Wants	Things you would like to have
Equality	Everybody is the same
Justice	Dealing with people fairly
Needs	Things you can't live without
Rights	Things everybody should have
Respect	Valuing everybody
Persecution	Being picked on because of something about you

Prejudice

- ▶ Any preconceived opinion or feeling, either favourable or unfavourable
- ▶ An idea that you have but that you do not act upon
- ▶ For example, saying everyone who listens to indie music is an 'emo'

Discrimination

- ▶ To make or constitute a distinction in or between two things, people or groups of people
- ▶ Discrimination is a direct action – you act on your prejudices.
- ▶ For example, not letting girls play football because you think they are all rubbish at it

Types of migrants

Asylum seeker - someone who comes to a country to stay while their country is at war or they are being persecuted

Exceptional leave to remain - a special reason for not being able to go back to your home country, for example because you no longer have any family in that country

Economic migrant - somebody who comes to a country to work

Refugees

- ▶ Refugees are people who have had to leave their home country and go to another country because they are being persecuted.
- ▶ To become a refugee in Britain, you have to have reason to fear for your life in your home country and have proof that your fears are grounded.
- ▶ Refugees come from all over the world.

Refugees in Britain

- ▶ There are thousands of refugees in Britain and the European Union.
- ▶ They mainly come from places like Somalia, Iran, Iraq, Nigeria and Turkey. These countries have strict rules about things like religion, sexuality and political affiliation. The police in these countries are allowed to use torture in interrogations.
- ▶ Most are fleeing torture, political injustice, religious intolerance or, in some cases, their own families.
- ▶ There are many reasons why people have to leave their homes.

People come to the UK as refugees from:

- ▶ Libya
- ▶ Iraq
- ▶ Turkey
- ▶ Kosovo
- ▶ Croatia
- ▶ Somalia
- ▶ Nigeria
- ▶ Lebanon
- ▶ Ivory Coast
- ▶ Bosnia

What do these countries all have in common?

Life as a refugee

- ▶ Life is hard for refugees.
- ▶ They have a limited ability to work in Britain, they are only entitled to minimum benefits and there is a lot of discrimination and prejudices surrounding immigration and refugees.
- ▶ If a judge rules a refugee can never return home, they can apply for permanent British citizenship.

Life as a refugee

- ▶ Refugees often have nothing when they come to Britain because they have had to leave home very quickly.
- ▶ When they come into Britain, they are put in places called holding centres.
- ▶ These centres are where refugees stay until a court has decided whether they have a right to stay.
- ▶ If their country is deemed safe, they are sent back.

Life as a refugee

- ▶ If they are told they can stay, the government sends them where there is space.
- ▶ This is usually council housing or hostels around the country.
- ▶ Refugees have no say as to where they go.
- ▶ If they have family in the UK, they may be allowed to go and stay with them.
- ▶ Most refugees are afraid of being deported. This is when the government forces them to go back to their own country.

Refugee children

- ▶ Children can be sent as refugees on their own.
- ▶ This can mean coming from a scary situation in their home country to a country where they know no one and often do not speak the language.
- ▶ Imagine how scary it must be leaving everything you know to go to a country you have never seen.

New start?

- ▶ Many refugees see Britain as a new start.
- ▶ It can be hard but many see hardship in Britain as being better than fearing for their lives in their home country.
- ▶ However, some people in Britain do not want refugees to stay in Britain.
- ▶ They think that some refugees are not really afraid in their own country but come here to find a better standard of living.

Task

- ▶ Look at the pictures and write down the first word that comes into your head.















Task

- ▶ You will be put into groups of six.
- ▶ You will then be given a card. DO NOT SHOW ANYONE ELSE YOUR CARD.
- ▶ Each one of you is a different character. You will take it in turns to ask each other questions to find out which character they are.
- ▶ There will be a list on the board for you to choose from.

Character list

- ▶ Refugee in war-torn country
- ▶ Local councillor
- ▶ Unemployed local citizen
- ▶ Immigration officer
- ▶ Youth worker
- ▶ 20-year-old British Asian

Task

- ▶ In pairs, write a diary entry for a refugee.
- ▶ It could be from when they were in their home country, as they were leaving or as they came to Britain.
- ▶ You could be a child, an adult or an elderly person.

Things to think about

- ▶ Gender/age/nationality
- ▶ Why did you leave?
- ▶ What could you bring with you? What did you have to leave behind?
- ▶ How did you feel leaving?
- ▶ What was the journey like?
- ▶ What was your reception like in Britain?
- ▶ Any problems?
- ▶ Do you like it here?
- ▶ Any hopes for the future?

Plenary

- ▶ Listen to the song again.
- ▶ What do you think we could do to make refugees feel more welcome at school and in our communities?