

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.*

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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.

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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 come by : to succeed just barely in managing or surviving

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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.