

What am I?

Match the description of the person to the correct word:

Marie-Claire's company is based in Paris but has recently opened an office in London, and Marie-Claire has decided that she will take up the offer of a job in the new office. Before she moves to the UK, Marie-Claire has researched the area she would like to live in and has found a flat with a rent she can afford. She's very happy to be moving to the UK as she studied English at university and loves British culture.



Marie-Claire =

Asylum seeker / immigrant / migrant / refugee

Marco is from Romania, but he hasn't lived there for a few years. He found it hard to get work there, and has lived in a few European countries, finding seasonal work as a fruit picker and labourer. When the work runs out, Marco moves on to a new place. He would like to go back home to Romania, but he knows that he wouldn't be paid as well as he is presently. He sends money home to his family each month.



Marco =

Asylum seeker / immigrant / migrant / refugee

Oksana has been living in Leeds since she and her mum left the Ukraine shortly after the war started. Oksana's dad is still in Ukraine, fighting in the war, but her hometown is not a safe place to live. Oksana and her mum are living with a family who have offered a spare room in their home. She likes her new school and has recently joined a football team.



Oksana =

Asylum seeker / immigrant / migrant / refugee

Ali is from Aleppo in Syria. While he was still in Syria Ali was arrested for attending a student protest against the government. After he was released from prison, where he says he was beaten up by the authorities, Ali decided he needed to flee the country. He travelled to the UK over a number of months and when he arrived in the UK he made an asylum claim. Ali is currently staying in a temporary hostel in Glasgow while he waits for his claim to be processed by the Home Office. He is not allowed to work so he volunteers at a food bank.



Ali =

Asylum seeker / immigrant / migrant / refugee

Definitions*:

Migrant:

A migrant is someone who is moving from place to place (within his or her country or across borders), usually for economic reasons such as seasonal work. Similar to immigrants, they were not forced to leave their native countries because of persecution or violence, but rather are seeking better opportunities.

Immigrant:

An immigrant is someone who makes a conscious decision to leave his or her home and move to a foreign country with the intention of settling there. Immigrants often go through a lengthy vetting process to immigrate to a new country. Many become lawful permanent residents and eventually citizens.

Immigrants research their destinations, explore employment opportunities, and study the language of the country where they plan to live. Most importantly, they are free to return home whenever they choose.

Refugee:

A refugee is someone who has been forced to flee his or her home because of war, violence or persecution, often without warning. They are unable to return home unless and until conditions in their native lands are safe for them again.

Asylum seeker:

An asylum seeker is someone who is also seeking international protection from dangers in his or her home country, but whose claim for refugee status hasn't been determined legally. Asylum seekers must apply for protection in the country of destination—meaning they must arrive at or cross a border in order to apply.

Then, they must be able to prove to authorities there that they meet the criteria to be covered by refugee protections. Not every asylum seeker will be recognised as a refugee.

Can you think of three problems that might occur when a country experiences a large number of migrants, immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers?

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