

Who Are Refugees and Migrants? by Michael Rosen and Annemarie Young

Refugee or migrant? Does it matter which word we use?

Refugees are people who are fleeing armed conflict or persecution, and who would be in danger if forced to return to their own countries. Migrants are people who choose to move not because of a direct threat of persecution or death, but mainly to improve their lives by finding work, or in some cases for education, family reunion or other reasons. Although these migrants ... would be returning to unemployment and poor conditions, they can, unlike refugees, return home without immediate danger.

What made you leave your home? The chance of a better life

For some people, it's about weighing up the difference between making a living where they are or trying to start from somewhere new. The world is a very uneven place. In some places most people are very poor; there are very few hospitals and doctors; there are very few schools; when you are old there is very little chance that your place of work or the government has saved money for you to provide you with a pension to live on.

People watch television and films and see how others in the world live. If they are poor and hungry, these people might think there's more chance of a job, more chance to earn some money, in another country that they've heard about from relations or friends or seen on television.

What made you leave your home? To escape war

For many of the refugees from the Middle East who we see on television, the answer to that question is simple: they don't want to be killed and they don't want people in their families to be killed.

What made you leave your home? To escape persecution

Sometimes it's about persecution. This means being threatened, hunted down, hurt because of who you are, what you believe, what you look like. Or, perhaps, that people think "your sort" are the wrong sort for some reason. Persecuted people will often try to run away.



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1 Look at the first paragraph. Which statement is true for refugees, but not for migrants? Choose **one**.

- They want a better life.
- They want a higher-paid job.
- They want to escape danger.
- They want to be with family.

2b

1 mark

2 Look at the paragraph beginning “*For some people*”. Find and copy **one** word from this paragraph that is closest in meaning to “*money for people who are retired*”.

2a

1 mark

3. Match each section to its main content.

Section	Content
Refugee or Migrant?	explains why your beliefs can put you in danger
What made you leave your home? The chance of a better life	explains why wanting to keep safe makes people leave their homes
What made you leave your home? To escape war	gives definitions of the words’ meanings
What made you leave your home? To escape persecution	explains why people choose to leave their homes

2f

1 mark

4 Find and copy **two** different words from paragraph 4 that are reasons why people run away from persecution.

2a

1 mark

5 Which of the following would be the most suitable summary for the whole text? Choose **one**.

- Refugees and migrants are poor and have bad jobs.
- Refugees leave their homes for different reasons from migrants.
- We should welcome refugees and migrants into our country.
- Refugees and migrants run away from war and danger.

2a

1 mark

6 “*The world is a very uneven place.*” How does this lead to people becoming refugees or migrants? Explain **two** ways, using evidence from the text to support your answer.

2c

3 marks