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Migration

"Left Home for a New Place"

Migration is the movement of people. It happens today, and it's been happening for hundreds of thousands of years. In fact, no matter where you live, your ancestors took a journey to get you where you are right now. Flocabulary. Let's go.

Migration is the movement of people,
From one place to another.
Many come to America, look at Marie,
Her parents came when she was just three.
They were pulled by money and opportunity,
And pushed by a lack of jobs that led to poverty.
When people migrate it can be,
Permanently or temporarily.
Push factors are forces
That drive people away — I don't mean like Porsches.
War, famine, bad economy,
Natural disasters and poverty.
Pull factors do it backwards,
They make a new place more attractive,
Jobs, freedom of religion or politics,
Or maybe you're sick of the metropolis.
Immigration is when you move into,
Emigration is when you exit.
So you might be an immigrant from one place,
But you were an emigrant when you left it.

Left home for a new place, I plan to be here for a long time,

They call it migration, some people are forced, I chose with my own mind.

Push factors, push people away from the place where they stay,

Pull factors, pull people into a new place, we hope for a new day.

Voluntary migration means he or she chose,

And nobody forces where he or she goes.

Like in California, when they hit gold,

Some people moved to the West Coast.

William left his Irish community,

For the US and more opportunity.

Even if it's voluntary, it can be

That a place's push factors make you want to leave.

Like when Ireland was really low on food,

The famine forced William to move.

But some are made to move, forced migration,

Like Africans made to be slaves in our nation.

Or Native Americans who didn't plan

To move, 'til settlers took their land.

Imagine if your family was forced to go,

Along the Trail of Tears, far from home.

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Migration can be seasonal,

Moving each year when there's a reason to.

For work or due to climate conditions,

Mat's family follows crop harvests, listen.

Sometimes immigrants can be refugees,

Who fear persecution that I hope you never see.

They live outside their country of origin,
Due to their race, politics or religion.
Shira left Russia said, "I have to do this,"
'Cause she was persecuted for being Jewish.
Her family made a difficult trek,
Through Europe and then further west.
To a land with freedom of religion,
She could feel a whole new life beginning.
On Ellis Island, yeah, that's why,
She saw the Statue of Liberty, she had tears in her eyes.

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