

Push and Pull Creative Writing Activity –

Print out and cut up the key words sheet – or issue to pupils to cut up

War	Hope	Chances	Talent
Money	Famine	Enemies	Aspiration
Water	Food	Lies	Fear
Trade	Friends	Relatives	Opportunity
Music	Adventure	Gender	Jobs
Slavery	Crime	Justice	Colonialism
Visa	Passport	Work	Race
Traffickers	Drought	Climate	Flood
Education	Skills	Disease	Beliefs
Manufacturing	Torture	Politics	Religion
Health	Sport	Deportation	Orphan
Boats	Planes	Pollution	

Work in teams to sort the words into two piles – those that could push someone to migrate and those that would pull them.

Teams give examples from any period of history or from their imaginations of how a word they have selected caused migration.

Some words can go in either pile. Teams discuss words that could go into either pile before choosing which pile to place it in.

Creative Writing Task

Each child now selects three words using both piles. (Two from one pile and one from another)

They use these words for stimulus and inspiration for creating either -

- 'A story about yourself that involves you moving to another country'
- or
- 'A story about a new friend that arrives in your school or street from another country'