

WORKSHEET 4

MIGRANTS	REFUGEES
THEY HAVE A CHOICE ABOUT LEAVING THEIR HOME	THEY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE ABOUT LEAVING THEIR HOME
They travel voluntarily in search of a better life.	They are forced to leave their homes because they are threatened by persecution or armed conflict.
Before leaving their country, they have time to find information about their new home, study the language and search for job opportunities.	They are forced to flee without warning, many have experienced the trauma of war, torture or otherwise been abused.
They have time to plan their journey, pack their things and say goodbye to the people they care about.	They leave their homes, most of their things their family and friends.
They can return home whenever they want: if things don't go as planned, if they begin to miss home, or if they want to visit their family or friends.	They cannot return home until the danger has passed.
If they decide to return home, their state will continue to offer them protection.	If another country does not accept them, they could be tortured or killed.
They travel in order to get an education.	Their journey to safety is full of dangers and many of them will risk their lives along the way.
They cross borders in order to find better jobs.	Their reasons for travelling are linked to issues of human rights and security. They do not travel because of economic concerns.
They move because of economic, climate, health, family, or similar concerns.	They fear persecution on the grounds of race, religion, nationality, because they belong to certain social groups, or hold specific political opinions.
Concrete examples of migrants and refugees	
The inhabitants of North-eastern Congo who leave the area after a devastating landslide.	An Afghan woman who is persecuted by her government for trying to educate young girls who are not allowed to go to school.
Nigerian citizens who try to escape extreme poverty.	Syrians who cannot return to their country due to the threat of torture, or the death penalty because of their ethnic origin.
Indonesian residents of a Northern Province who leave their homes after being hit by a strong earthquake.	A Rohingya pastor who is threatened with arrest by the army of Myanmar if he continues to practice.

