

# TEACHING ABOUT REFUGEES: CLASS DEBATE

## WHO IS AN ASYLUM-SEEKER?



Watch the video here: [link](#)

You can choose a “for” group and an “against” group.

The questions can also be used for students to discuss and research findings in groups and write essays on their opinions and research.

**Age group:** This lesson is suitable for children aged 15 and over and can be used to teach about this subject in any discipline it may be relevant to.

**Objective:** These questions can be used to set up a debate in class and to evaluate if your pupils have grasped basic concepts on refugees, asylum and migration.

1 : Asylum seekers may or may not be transferred to a detention centre if their applications are not successful.

**What are the benefits or disadvantages of this?**

2 : Asylum-seekers may also be returned to the countries they came from.

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3 : Assessing asylum can be challenging. Not only is it difficult to gain the latest information about different security and political situations in countries of origin but training asylum officers to be empathetic yet critical is expensive.

**What are the key skills an asylum officer should be trained in?**