

Super English

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Intermediate Speaking Lesson 17

Immigration: Opportunity or Problem?



Reasons to Move

Read the text and discuss the words in bold.

People immigrate for different reasons. Some want a **fresh start** or a better education. Others move to join family or find a safe place to live. Choosing to leave can feel exciting and painful at once. You can **look forward to** a new life and still miss the street where everybody knows your name.

1. How is moving for safety different from moving for adventure?
2. Why postpone a planned move?
3. How might parents and adult children disagree about emigrating?



Immigration & Jobs

Read the text and discuss the words in bold.



Working abroad can **open doors and build confidence**. Newcomers may fill staff shortages or start businesses, but getting a job that matches their skills can be tough. An engineer might end up doing unrelated work. Experience travels well. Apparently, qualifications need more help with the luggage.



1. How could employers fairly assess skills gained abroad?
2. Who should protect workers from being underpaid?
3. What happens to a town when many skilled workers leave?

Dialogue 1: The Suitcase



Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

Lily: My sister's moving abroad tomorrow.

Max: Has she packed her whole life?

Lily: Almost. Mum won't fit in the suitcase.

Max: Video calls might be easier.

Lily: Mum's already booked one every evening.

Max: So much for becoming independent.

Question: How often should families expect calls from relatives abroad?

Dialogue 2: Office English



Practice the dialogue and answer the question.

Anna: My new boss said, 'Let's touch base.'

Ben: It's just a quick chat.

Anna: Good. I was looking for a baseball bat.

Ben: Office English is a separate language.

Anna: Does it come with a dictionary?

Ben: Mostly meetings, unfortunately.

Question: Should workplaces avoid slang with new colleagues?

Would You Rather?



Tell your teacher what you'd rather do and why.



Would you rather explore your new city alone or join a guided walk?



Would you rather rent a furnished flat or choose all your own furniture?



Would you rather celebrate a birthday online with old friends or in person with new ones?



See you next time!

