

Do we really need borders?

Exercise 1

Look at the pictures below. Discuss, how different life in these parts of the world might be.



1. Would you like to live in any of those places?
2. Have you ever lived abroad?
3. What do you enjoy most about the place where you live?
4. If you could live anywhere in the world, where would that be?

VIDEO

Exercise 2

Match the words from the box with their meanings:

efficient	wage	to skyrocket	by virtue of
to implement	to benefit tremendously	bustling	

1. full of busy activity:
2. because of:
3. money that is paid to an employee, usually on a weekly basis:
4. to start using a plan, to put it into action:
5. to rise extremely quickly:
6. to be helped by something extremely well:
7. working well, without wasting time, money or energy:



VIDEO: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XVmxhDoSAsU>

Quartz News: The economic case for open borders

Exercise 3

You're going to watch a video about the concept of open borders. Watch the first part of the video (0:00-1:00) and fill in the gaps with the missing information.

1. Singapore is miles wide.
2. Immigrants constitute% of Singapore's population.
3. Singapore welcomes mainly immigrants.

Exercise 4

Watch the second part of the video (1:00 - 7:50) and answer the questions below

1. What are open borders?
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2. What are the benefits of open borders?
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3. What are the cons of Singapore's policy on immigration?
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Discuss the questions below:

1. In your opinion, should borders be open all over the world?
2. Do you believe Poland should follow suit and open its borders to immigrants just like Singapore? Why yes/no?

VOCABULARY

Exercise 5

Divide the words and expressions below into two categories.

filthy rich, affluent, well-off, penniless, impoverished, broke, prosperous, wealthy, poverty-stricken, rolling in it, needy



RICH	POOR

1. What would be the first thing you would do if you won a huge amount of money?
2. What problems do poverty-stricken people have to deal with?

Exercise 6

Look at the words below and ascribe them to the matching categories:

unselfish, miserly, tight, charitable, stingy, ungenerous, sharing, mean

1. PEOPLE WHO ENJOY SHARING THEIR MONEY WITH OTHERS ARE CONSIDERED:

2. PEOPLE WHO ARE MORE LIKELY TO KEEP ALL THE MONEY TO THEMSELVES ARE CONSIDERED:

Exercise 7

Match the expressions below with their definitions:

1. interest rate	a) a regular payment made during a person's retirement
2. ATM	b) the act of taking out money
3. piggy bank	c) the percentage of an amount of money which is paid for the use of that money over a period of time
4. pension	d) cash machine
5. withdrawal	e) a small container, sometimes in the shape of a pig, that is used by children for saving money

1. Would you describe yourself as a generous or a tight person?
2. How often do you make withdrawals at the ATM?
3. Did you use to have a piggy bank when you were a kid?
4. What would you do if you were filthy rich?
5. Should affluent people be obliged to support the needy?
6. Do you believe that Poland would benefit tremendously from immigration?

Key:

Exercise 2

1. bustling
2. by virtue of
3. wage
4. to implement
5. to skyrocket
6. to benefit tremendously
7. efficient

Exercise 3

1. 26
2. 30
3. low-skilled

Exercise 4

1. The idea that anyone should be able to move and work wherever in the world
2. It solves one of the biggest economic problems: that people are stuck in the countries where they're not as productive as it could be
3. Immigrants can't stay in Singapore, they're basically not allowed to marry a Singaporean, they can't bring their families along, women are kicked off the island if they get pregnant, immigrants often live in poor conditions, they rarely assimilate

Exercise 5

RICH: filthy rich, affluent, well-off, prosperous, wealthy, rolling in it
POOR: penniless, impoverished, broke, poverty-stricken, needy

Exercise 6

1. unselfish, charitable, sharing
2. miserly, tight, stingy, ungenerous, mean

Exercise 7

- 1.c
- 2.d
- 3.e
- 4.a
- 5.b