

People with an immigration background – information for teachers

1 Task and motivation

The students will pick a person from among their relatives, friends, or neighbors who originally comes from another country. They will conduct an interview with this person and ask him or her the questions they came up with. This should allow the students to learn about the immigration background of that person.

2 Motivation for the topic

The students should realize that they have classmates and other acquaintances of other nationalities who come from other cultures. They will deal with questions such as the following:

- Why are these people in our country (occupational immigration, refuge from war, displacement, poverty)?
- How compatible are our culture and the cultures of the other countries?
- Why can differences lead to conflicts?

The students will learn about immigration – based on their personal experiences and surroundings – as an important aspect of globalization.

3 Notes on conducting the experiment

- The person being interviewed must consent to allow his or her data and photo to be displayed in the classroom. If the person is a minor, the person's parents must give their consent.
The right to privacy should be pointed out to the students.
- The students should work in pairs or in larger groups to create the questionnaire. As an alternative, the following questionnaire can be used for weaker students or for lower grades.

Questionnaire

Pick a person from among your relatives, friends, or neighbors who originally comes from another country, and conduct an interview with that person. Ask the following questions:

1. What is your name? (The first name is enough)
2. How old are you?
3. What country were you born in?
4. What country do your parents come from?
5. What languages do you speak?
6. When did you or your parents/grandparents emigrate or seek refuge, meaning when did you or they leave the home country? (The year is enough.)
7. Why did you or your parents/grandparents emigrate or seek refuge from your home country?