

TEACHING ABOUT REFUGEES: TEACHING SHEET

WHO IS AN ASYLUM-SEEKER?



Watch the video here: [link](#)

Use this teaching sheet to teach children basic concepts on refugees, asylum and migration. First watch this **UNHCR animation film** with your pupils and pay close attention. Then follow the instructions below.

Objective: to understand the term 'asylum-seeker' and what it means to be one.

Age group: This lesson is suitable for children aged 12 and over and can be used to teach about this subject in any discipline it may be relevant to.

1: After watching the animation film, ask your pupils to take a piece of paper and give them following task:

Write down four short sentences to explain: who is an asylum-seeker?

2: Bring together all answers and read them out to your pupils. Have a discussion and ask the following questions:

Where do asylum-seekers come from?

Where do asylum-seekers go?

Why are asylum-seekers coming to our country?

Can asylum-seekers stay in our country?

Are there any asylum-seekers living in our community? Which countries do they come from?

3: Read the following definition of asylum-seeker with your pupils and compare to the answers they gave in the first task:

1. An asylum-seeker is a person who is in **another country**.
2. An asylum-seeker claims to be **in danger** because of war or persecution.
3. Needs to prove his/her case during an **asylum procedure**.
4. Can get 'protected' and will have **right to stay if the claim is well-founded**.

Next, watch the animation film a second time and pay close attention to the four parts of the definition.

Discuss what happens during an asylum procedure based on what you have seen in the film.