

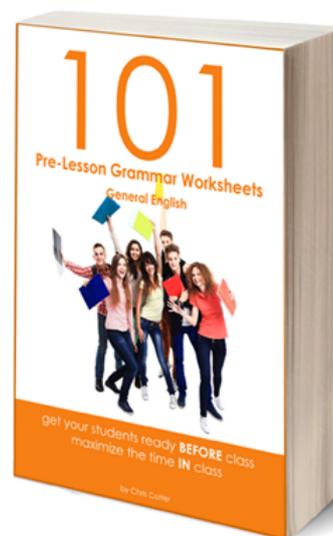
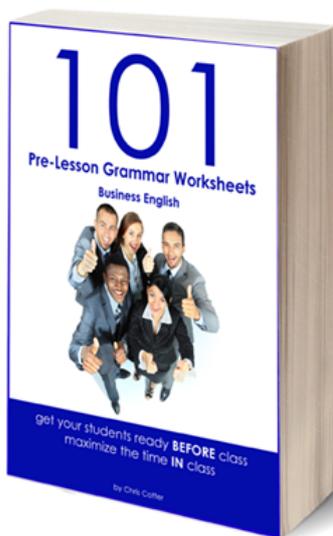
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the ARTICLE (for teachers)

Want to Emigrate?

Are you tired of your home country? Do you dream of better opportunities abroad? Do you sincerely believe that the grass is greener on the other side of the fence? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you and 700 million other people in the world want to emigrate. This figure may sound like a lot, and it is. However, let's make this large number even easier to understand. 700 million people exceed the entire adult populations of North and South America combined.

The largest numbers of people who want to emigrate come from sub-Saharan Africa. Roughly 38% of adults from this region would prefer to settle elsewhere. However, in Asia, only 10% of the population wants to move. Although reasons weren't given, Asia's huge potential for growth likely limited the number seeking lives elsewhere. Sub-Saharan Africa remains a desolate and desperate place for its inhabitants, and experts forecast an even darker future.

The top destination is overwhelmingly the US, despite an economy that continues to struggle. Britain, Canada, and France were all tied for second most desirable country for immigration, with roughly 45 million stating they desired to relocate here. Spain came in third with 35 million votes, and Saudi Arabia was fourth with 30 million. About 25 million desired to emigrate to either Australia or Germany.

There remains the generally idea of prosperity for people in the US, Britain, and other countries. This might serve as the main reason that people in economically depressed regions wish to emigrate. The global economy continues to struggle, with a similar outlook for the near future. But once these countries get back on their feet, citizens there have many more opportunities than the inhabitants in developing countries.

Teacher's Notes:

* Underlined words in red typeface are the answers.

the Article (for students)

Listen and fill in the missing sentences. Compare your answers with a partner, and then listen once more.

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a) _____ . Roughly 38% of adults from this region would prefer to settle elsewhere. However, in Asia, only 10% of the population wants to move. Although reasons weren't given, Asia's huge potential for growth likely limited the number seeking lives elsewhere. b) _____ , and experts forecast an even darker future.

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d) _____ . This might serve as the main reason that people in economically depressed regions wish to emigrate. The global economy continues to struggle, with a similar outlook for the near future. But once these countries get back on their feet, e) _____ .

Notes:

STEP ONE

Title: Speculate and/or discuss the contents of today's article from its title: "Want to Emigrate?"

STEP TWO

Questions: Read as much of the article as you can in two minutes. Guess the answers to the questions below, then listen to your teacher read the article. Try to confirm your answers.

a.	More than 700 million people want to emigrate to North and South America.	T/F
b.	The majority of people who want to emigrate come from Africa.	T/F
c.	Quite a lot of people from Asia want to emigrate elsewhere too.	T/F
d.	Europe as a whole is the most desired region for people who want to emigrate.	T/F
e.	The forecast for the global economy is negative, at least for a short time.	T/F

STEP THREE

Fill in the Blanks: Listen to your teacher read the article again. Fill in the blanks with the missing words.

STEP FOUR

Questions: Answer the questions to check comprehension.

a.	How many people want to emigrate elsewhere? What comparison is made?
b.	Which region most wants to emigrate?
c.	Which region least wants to emigrate?
d.	How many people want to move to Britain? How about Spain? How about Germany?
e.	What reason does the article give for people wanting to emigrate?

STEP FIVE

Discuss: Talk about the following questions in pairs/groups. Remember to support your answers!

a.	What was your general impression after reading this article?
b.	What are some other reasons than the ones in the article that make people want to live elsewhere?
c.	What problems do immigrants face? Please explain.
d.	Do you think completely open borders will ever be a reality? Why/not?