



Windrush Day (B2 - Upper Intermediate)

A – Before you start

Answer the questions with a partner.

1. For what reasons do people decide to leave their homes and go and live in another country?
2. What are some of the problems migrants have in their adopted country?
3. Would you like to go and live in a different country? Why (not)?

B – Listen and answer

Read these incomplete statements. Then listen (without reading) and fill in the blanks.

1. Windrush Day is celebrated every year on _____.
2. On this day in _____, the ship Empire Windrush arrived with people from the Caribbean.
3. The Caribbean countries were suffering from chronic _____ at that time.
4. After the _____ Act, people from the colonies could live and work in the UK.
5. Some of them found life difficult because of low wages and _____.
6. A government report, published in _____, showed that some had been wrongly deported.

C – Read and answer

Read the article and answer the questions.

1. How long did it take HMT Empire Windrush to sail from the Caribbean to the United Kingdom?
2. What is meant by the expression "The Windrush Generation"?
3. What event made the situation in Caribbean countries worse?
4. Where did many people from the Caribbean go to look for a job?
5. How soon did most Windrush passengers find employment?
6. What were some of the jobs they got?
7. Why did some of the Windrush Generation find their right to live in the UK denied?
8. What happened as a result of the 2018 government report?

D – Learn it! Use it!

Complete these sentences with words from the glossary. (You may have to adapt the expression in some way; e.g. change the verb tense, or change from plural to singular.)

1. If you need to buy a sofa, go to that shop in Carlton Street. They have a very _____.
2. What time will our ship _____ in Sydney Harbour tomorrow?
3. Maisy's boyfriend works for a company that builds bridges. He's a _____.
4. When we explained the situation to James, he _____ that he had been wrong.
5. This island is the perfect holiday destination for people _____ peace and tranquillity.
6. The rail workers are on strike. They are demanding higher _____ and shorter working hours.

E – Ready for the B2 FIRST Certificate in English? (Reading and Use of English, Part 2)

Read the text and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only one word for each gap.

The hurricane that struck Jamaica on 20th August 1944 caused a ¹_____ deal of damage, especially along the north coast. Winds of ²_____ to 195 km an hour swept over the island. ³_____ a result, 90 per cent of the country's banana trees and over 40 per cent of its coconut trees were destroyed. The total ⁴_____ of the damage to Jamaica's crops, infrastructure and homes came ⁵_____ many millions of dollars. In ⁶_____ to the economic losses, there was also significant loss of life. ⁷_____ is estimated that the hurricane caused the death of at ⁸_____ 116 people.

F – Talk about it

In pairs or groups.

1. Have many people migrated to your country?
 2. If so, when? Where from? For what reasons?
 3. Have most of them found work?
 4. Have they faced discrimination? If so, what kind of discrimination?
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Answers: Windrush Day (B2)

B – Listen and answer

1. 22nd June 2. 1948 3. unemployment 4. British Nationality 5. discrimination 6. 2018

C – Read and answer

1. It took thirty days. 2. It means the Commonwealth citizens who came to live in Britain between 1948 and 1971. 3. A deadly hurricane in 1944 made the situation worse. 4. Many of them went to the nearest employment centre in Brixton to look for work. 5. Most of them found work within a month. 6. Some of the jobs were as nurses in the National Health Service and as cleaners, manual labourers and drivers. 7. Because, when they arrived, their details had not been properly recorded by officials. 8. A compensation scheme was introduced and recommendations were put forward to improve the immigration system. The government also announced a national day to pay tribute to the Windrush Generation.

D – Learn it! Use it!

1. wide range 2. dock 3. welder 4. acknowledged 5. seeking 6. wages

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1. great 2. up 3. As 4. cost 5. to 6. addition 7. It 8. least