



Classroom role play

Irish Immigrant

You live on a small-holding in a rural village in Ireland. You work as a seasonal agricultural worker and travel to England in the summer to work on gathering the harvest.

You and your wife have eight children and making ends meet is hard. You have heard that the North East England coal mines are booming and there is lots of work. Moving is a big decision and you have lots of questions about life in County Durham.

After the harvest you visit the area to see it for yourself before you decide to uproot your family.

You arrive at Beamish and meet a group of villagers. This is a good opportunity to start asking them questions.

You want to know all about life in the village. What do people do, how do they spend their spare time, what is their working life like, what do they do on Sundays, their day off?

At the end of the discussion, you need to decide if you are going to move to County Durham. Why have you come to this decision? Note down your questions for the group.

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