



Home or away?

During these activities you will learn about the impacts of Polish migrant workers in the UK, their influence on our high streets, and what the Polish government is doing to reverse the trend and attract workers back to Poland.

You must work your way through the series of activities on this worksheet; read it and complete it carefully as you go.

1. Pros and cons

Look at the quotes on the cards - you must decide which of them are 'for' (positive), and which of them are 'against' (negative) Polish immigrants. Write them into the table below.

For	Against

2. Hitting the headlines

Read the news article from the BBC at http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/uk_politics/5273356.stm. Then, complete the sentences below...

- a) The 8 nations which joined the EU in 2004 have contributed about _____ migrant workers to the UK.
- b) The number that have successfully registered to work here is _____.
- c) These have bought with them dependents numbering _____.
- d) There have been _____ child benefit approvals for these migrants.
- e) It is predicted that each year the number of new migrant workers will be _____.
- f) More than half of these are from _____.
- g) It is also estimated that many arrive without registering, perhaps as many as _____.
- h) One of the main reasons for these people leaving Poland is said to be the low _____ over there.

3. Poland hits the High Street

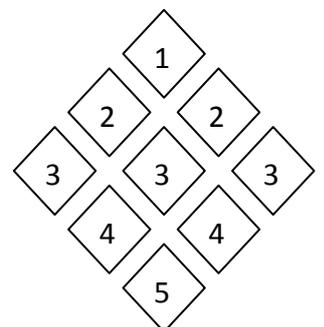
Look at the images and statements on the resource provided. Your task is to match them up correctly and complete the table below...

Influence	Picture / sketch

4. Reversing the trend

Imagine you are a Polish migrant worker. You came to the UK in 2006 with your wife and have been working in a factory since. Your wife has been working in a school canteen kitchen but is now pregnant. You are considering moving back to Poland. The resource sheet gives you a list of reasons why you might want to move home. Your task is to put them in order of priority, in a diamond 9 formation, as explained below...

You create a diamond shape, made up of the 9 smaller diamonds.
You decide on your order of priorities as shown in the diagram...
Place the main priority at the top, then your next 2 below that and so on down to the reason you think is least important, which you place at the bottom of the diamond.



Put your priorities in order of importance into the diamond 9 below...

