Definition of Push and Pull Factors

Push factors – Forces (or reasons) that drive or **push** people away from a place. Push factors include social, political, economic, and environmental factors.

Pull factors – Forces (or reasons) that attract or **pull** people to a place. Pull factors include social, political, economic, and environmental factors.
Pull and Pull Factors Quiz

1. Factors that encourage people to leave a place are called _________________ factors.

2. Factors that encourage people to move to a place are called _________________ factors.

3. The reasons people moved from one place to another in the past are similar to the reasons people move from one place to another today. **TRUE or FALSE (circle one)**

4. List two factors that might cause people to leave a place.

5. List two factors that might cause people to move into a place.

**Read the following sentences** and circle the push factors and **underline pull factors**.

6. Paul and Martha were tired of the snow in Minneapolis so they moved to Florida for the warmer weather.

7. Many families have left Detroit to look for work because of high unemployment in that city.

**Read the following passage** and circle the main idea. Then **underline three supporting ideas**.

These European immigrants came to make new homes in the Americas. They came in search of a better life – one free of the trouble and hardship they had left behind. In their native countries, they often had little money and could not worship God in the way/7 they wished. The immigrants hoped for freedom and good fortune in their new lives.¹

¹Maestro, Betsy. *Coming to America*. Scholastic Press, 1996.
Pull and Pull Factors Quiz ANSWER KEY

1. Factors that encourage people to leave a place are called **PUSH** factors. (1 Point)

2. Factors that encourage people to move to a place are called **PULL** factors. (1 Point)

3. The reasons people moved from one place to another in the past are similar to the reasons people move from one place to another today. **TRUE** or FALSE (circle one) (1 Point)

4. List two factors that might cause people to leave a place. (2 Points)
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5. List two factors that might cause people to move into a place. (2 Points)
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Read the following sentences and circle the push factors and underline pull factors.

6. Paul and Martha were tired of the **snow** in Minneapolis so they moved to Florida for the warmer weather. (2 Points)

7. Many families have left Detroit to look for **work** because of high unemployment in that city.

Read the following passage and circle the main idea. Then, underline three supporting ideas.

These **European immigrants** came to make new homes in the Americas. They came in search of a better life – one **free of the trouble and hardship** they had left behind. In their native countries, they often had **little money** and **could not worship God** in the way they wished. The immigrants hoped for freedom and good fortune in their new lives.1
Reasons Immigrants Moved Away from Their Homelands

Reasons Immigrants Moved to America