WORLD WORKPLACE

Families on the MOVE

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Many families want their pets to travel to the new home, too!



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1 Moving to a New Country

New **Jobs** and New **Homes**

Many parents change their jobs. Sometimes the family has to move to a new city or a new country. If that happens, there are a lot of changes for the family. It can be exciting and challenging.

You may know kids who are new to your school – or it may be you who has moved!

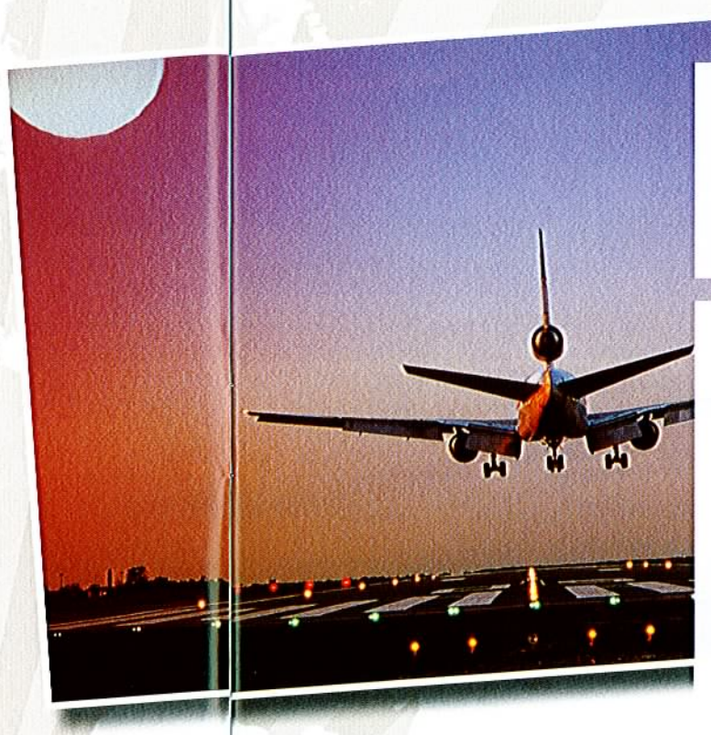
New Things to Learn

There may be many things to learn about the new country or city and its way of life. A family might make a list like this:

- research the new country – its culture and language
- visit the new country
- visit new schools
- look at new homes
- visit shops, sports clubs and community services.



new friends!



WHY WORK AND LIVE IN A NEW COUNTRY?

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People move to new countries for many reasons:

- a parent's company may have asked them to work in a new country
- a parent may want to study in a new country
- people may want to live closer to their family in another country
- a parent may have found a better job in a new country.



nearly packed!

Technology

Electronic Passports



an electronic passport

An electronic passport, or e-passport, has a microchip in it. A photo of the passport-holder's face is digitally stored on the microchip. Airports using biometric technology can scan and check if the face on their database and the face on the microchip match! Many countries have been using e-passports since 2005.

2 Issues for Kids

Moving **Isn't** Easy

Moving to a new country is exciting for kids, but may not be easy. Kids may:

- miss family and friends
- miss their old home and school
- think about their new school
- try to make new friends
- need to learn a new language
- learn a new culture.

Health and Safety

Emergency Numbers

Many things that we know off by heart in our old countries have to be re-learnt in the new country. For example, if you were a New Zealand kid moving to Australia, you'd have to remember to dial 000 in emergencies, and not 111. If you were a kid from the USA moving to England, you'd have to remember to dial 999, and not 911.



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MANY FAMILIES TODAY ARE LIKE MODERN NOMADS ...

Social Studies

Modern Nomads

A nomad is the name given to a person who travels from place to place rather than living in just one place. Some nomads travel through the desert, setting up their tents in a different place every night. Many families today are like modern nomads, moving between countries and cities to live and work.

Missing Friends

It is natural to miss friends while living in a new place. Even at a distance, kids can do many things with their friends.

Communicate: keep in touch with friends via phone, texts, emails, webcam, letters and postcards.



friends keeping in touch



making new friends

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Remember Birthdays: send close friends a birthday card or a gift from the new country.

New School

Everyone feels a little nervous when going to a new school. Children can try to:

- ask the teacher if there are kids in the class from other cities or countries – these kids may feel the same way!
- join school sports teams and school activity clubs – that will be fun!



a happy day at a new school

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Remember Special Days

While away, people celebrate special days from their home country. Here are just some of the ways people celebrate their special days.



India's flag

Indian Families: may celebrate Diwali – an Indian Festival of Lights. It is celebrated when there is a new moon between 13 October and 14 November. Diyas are lit to celebrate the victory of good over evil. Diyas are clay pots filled with coconut oil and wicks, like candles.



China's flag

Chinese Families: may celebrate Chinese New Year – the first day of the Chinese calendar. This usually happens on a full moon in February – the full moon date changes from year to year.



Ireland's flag

Irish Families: may celebrate St Patrick's Day on 17 March. Many people wear green, the colour of the shamrock leaf. But … St Patrick's colour was actually blue!



the USA's flag

Families from the USA: may celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of every November. Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for food and other good things in life. Thanksgiving meals usually include roast turkey and pumpkin pie.



Greece's flag

Greek Families: may celebrate Greek Easter! The dates can change from year to year – in April or in May.

