



### 3.7 Practice Writing Ideas

Read the writing prompt below. Then complete the first body paragraph by writing the missing topic sentence.

**WRITING PROMPT:** What are three reasons that people might choose to leave their home country and start a life in a new one?

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The desire to improve one's economic circumstances is very strong. When job prospects in one's home country are limited, people tend to move to places where they think they can provide a better life for themselves and their families. The search for improved job prospects is the major reason people immigrate, according to the United Nations Population Fund. The UNFPA points out that many countries that previously had large populations moving away for work, such as Argentina, Ireland, and South Korea, are now experiencing their own influx of immigrants looking for better prospects ("Migration"). This trend illustrates one of the most significant reasons that people move from their home country.



### 3.8 Practice Writing Ideas

Read the thesis statement and first body paragraph topic sentence for a cause and effect essay on moving. Complete the body paragraph with your own ideas.

**Thesis:** Moving is considered to be one of the top causes of stress because it's expensive, it's disorienting, and it can cause feelings of isolation.

One stressful effect of moving is that people encounter many unexpected expenses.

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### 3.9 Connect Causes and Effects

Circle the best answers to complete the cause and effect sentences.

- 1 Redevelopment of failing cities in the United States has brought populations back to run-down and abandoned urban centers. People come back due to .....
  - a the lower cost of living in these areas
  - b the lower cost of living in rural areas
- 2 Urban development has been considered a negative thing in many developing nations because .....
  - a it improves the living conditions of everyone, including the poor
  - b it requires funding that might be better used to provide basic needs such as food and health care



- 3 Researching new homes in an unfamiliar city can be challenging. Therefore, .....
  - a many experts suggest consulting a real estate agent
  - b it's a good idea to research new homes on your own
- 4 Studies show that one of the most important parts of preparing children for a move is finding ways to continue their existing friendships so that .....
  - a they will not experience loneliness
  - b they will be able to make new friends
- 5 People tend to ..... Consequently, housing is abundant in many rural areas with closed factories.
  - a remain in rural areas to be near their families
  - b move away from areas lacking in economic opportunities

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### 3.10 Apply It to Your Writing

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Use the cause and effect expressions in the chart on page 93 to write three cause and effect sentences about the writing prompt you chose in Section 1 on page 81.

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