

Migration and Adaptation

Chapter 9: Rhythms of Nature · Topic 2

Key Concept

People migrate for various reasons, like seeking better jobs, education, or escaping difficult conditions like natural disasters or conflict.

When people migrate, they often need to adapt to new languages, customs, food, and climates in their new location.

Animals also migrate, like birds flying to warmer regions in winter, adapting their behaviour to survive changing seasons or find food.

Understanding migration and adaptation helps us appreciate the challenges and resilience shown by people and animals adjusting to new environments.

Quick Revision Notes

- Migration means moving to live in a new place.
- People migrate for jobs, education or safety.
- Migrants often adapt to new languages and customs.
- Adaptation means adjusting to a new environment.
- Animals also migrate, like birds in winter.
- Animal migration helps survival and finding food.
- Migration and adaptation show resilience.
- Understanding this builds empathy for migrants.

Practice Questions

- 1 Discuss why a family might migrate to a new city or country.
- 2 Research an animal that migrates and why.
- 3 Discuss what challenges migrants might face.
- 4 Talk to someone who has moved to a new place about their experience.
- 5 Explain the difference between migration and adaptation.
- 6 Discuss why empathy for migrants is important.