

# Worksheet 2

Group these myths and facts about asylum seekers and refugees into two separate columns

Under the 1951 Refugee Convention, people have the right to apply for asylum. The UK is obliged to examine each case.

Most asylum-seekers come from countries where they are safe.

Some asylum-seekers repay our generosity by thieving in town and city centres.

Most asylum seekers coming to the UK are fleeing countries where there is war and human rights abuses.

Asylum seekers take out housing.

Asylum-seekers commit no more crime than anyone else... though violence and crime is often directed at them.

Between 2000 and 2002, the UK received 1.9 asylum applications per 1,100 inhabitants.

(Source: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)

Asylum-seekers are here illegally.

The influx of refugees is threatening to swamp the UK.

Asylum seekers are not usually allowed to claim benefits. If supported, a single adult has to survive on £38.96 a week.

Asylum seekers have no right to permanent housing. They are usually housed in temporary substandard accommodation.

Asylum seekers get huge state handouts.

