

# Activity Sheet 1.1

## Refugees in the Media

What is Bias?

### A. German Jews Pouring into this Country

The way stateless Jews from Germany are pouring into this country is becoming an outrage.

(Daily Mail, 20 August 1938)

- Question 1** Look at the date of extract A. Who was governing Germany then?
- Question 2** What was the German government's attitude toward Jews then?
- Question 3** Why do you think so many German Jews left Germany then?
- Question 4** What might have happened to them if they had stayed?

### B. Why Do We Let In This Army of Spongers?

So many asylum seekers are pouring into this country ... that the authorities here are finding that they simply cannot cope ... Word has travelled far about the

generosity of our social-security system, which they intend to milk while embarking, in many cases, on criminal activity.

(Daily Mail, 26 September 1998)

- Question 5** What phrase is repeated in extracts A and B?
- Question 6** How might this phrase make you feel if you were an asylum seeker?
- Question 7** How might this phrase make you feel if you had always lived in Britain?

### C. Ministers Try to Turn the Human Tide

Will the proposed Asylum and Immigration Bill make any difference, or will the new ministers in the Home

Office be forced to concede that they ... can only watch the advance of the tide?

(The Daily Telegraph, 1998)