

# Activity Sheet 1.2

## Refugees in the Media

### D. Straw Backs Fingerprint Bank to Fight Asylum Fraud

Jack Straw said that illegal immigrants and bogus asylum seekers were placing 'huge pressure' on councils in many inner London boroughs and in

Kent ... Yesterday's meeting of Ministers also agreed other moves to curb the rising tide of asylum seekers.

*(Daily Mail, December 1998)*

**Question 8** What word is repeated in C and D to describe asylum seekers?

**Question 9** Can you think of any alternative words which might be less biased?

### E. Governments Callous about Fate of Refugees

The new battery of techniques aimed at keeping refugees at bay means that countless people never get a real chance to escape from torture or death threats or are sent back to countries where they run a real risk of getting thrown in jail or handed over to executioners. ... the world's

governments must remind their communities that refugees need protection, they are not abusing the asylum system for their own gain, they are not economic migrants, they are not moving en masse for illegitimate reasons.

*(Amnesty International)*

**Question 10** How is this extract different from the ones you read before?

**Question 11** How might this extract make you feel if you were an asylum seeker?

**Question 12** How might this extract make you feel if you had always lived in Britain?