Push and pull factors
Push factors usually correspond with pull factors. People often move to the urban areas because they hope that the things that are bad in their village will be better in the city.
For example: There are no schools in the rural area (push factor), migrants hope to find good schools for the kids in the urban area (pull factor).

1 ▶ **Choose the correct corresponding factors from the box and fill them into the list.**
access to modern media – civil war – danger of storms or floods – good chance to find a job – good health care – independence of climate – little or no public transport – more personal freedom – no chance of improving the situation

	Push factors	Pull factors
1	no schools, schools very far away	better schools near home
2	no doctors or hospitals near home	good health care
3	danger of storms or floods	lower risk from natural hazards
4	no computers or Internet	access to modern media
5	little or no public transport	mobility
6	danger of droughts, poor harvests	independence of climate
7	no chance of improving the situation	opportunity to get a higher standard of living
8	unemployment	good chance to find a job
9	civil war	political security
10	landlord tells you what to do	more personal freedom

2 ▶ Now find the corresponding factors on your own.

	Push factors	Pull factors
1	poor housing	stone houses with electricity
2	boring life without much change	more exciting lifestyle, a lot of entertainment
3	strict religious beliefs	more religious tolerance
4	hunger, starvation	reliable food supply

3 ▶ Discuss which of the factors are social, economic or environmental factors.

social: schools, doctors or hospitals/health care, public transport, political security, personal freedom,

housing, religious tolerance, hunger, starvation

economic: access to modern media, standard of living, unemployment, lifestyle

environmental: natural hazards (storms or floods), danger of droughts, poor harvests

(Note: The factors cannot always be sorted clearly according to the criteria, different results are

possible with suitable arguments.)

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