## Activity 4: Newcomers Stories

## Part B: Matching

### Questions

Use the words from the options box to fill in the definitions:

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| Word | Definition |
|  | A period of time when one is observed at the start of a new job |
|  | To control of influence |
|  | Feeling excited or nervous |
|  | Unfair treatment of a minority |
|  | A large open area of grassland |
|  | The ability to see new opportunities in the business world |
|  | To feel ashamed |
|  | Phrase: “Not to mention” |
| Options | |
| Discrimination, Humiliated, Probation, “Let Alone”, Entrepreneurship, Manipulate, Prairies, Humiliated , Fluttering heart | |

## Part C: Fill in the Blanks

### Questions

Use the words from the options box to fill in the blanks in the following sentences:

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| Sentences | |
| 1 | The government plans to encourage \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in smaller urban areas to boost the economy of the region. |
| 2 | In a healthy work environment, neither the employer nor the employee show \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ behavior to get what they want or to exercise power and control over others. |
| 3 | I had a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as I did not know whether I would be able to find work in my country of destination. |
| 4 | As my \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ period was satisfactory, I was given the job on a permanent basis. |
| 5 | I couldn’t bear a spell of mild cold weather in my country \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the freezing cold winters of Canada. |
| 6 | In some places in the world the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ against a minority by the majority is still seen. |
| 7 | He felt utterly \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ when his judgement was questioned in front of the whole crowd. |
| 8 | Before moving to Toronto, the couple lived in a big farm in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in Western Canada. |
| Options | |
| Manipulative, Humiliated, Let Alone, Entrepreneurship, The Prairies, Discrimination, Probation, Fluttering Heart. | |

## Part D: Verbal Reasoning

### Reading for Details

Read the paragraphs in Part A: Read the Excerpts again and answer the following questions.

1. In the first story, Julia mentions that “the cold air from outside pushed itself into the house like a baby rushing to its mummy”. What do you think she means by this?

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| Answer |
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2. In the second story, Jamie considers herself “very, very fortunate”. Why do you think that is?

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| Answer |
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3. Why does German use the adjective “friendly” to describe the labor culture in Canada in the third story? Does he have a positive attitude towards the Canadian labor market?

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| Answer |
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4. According to German, what is the only glimmer of hope in his life?

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| Answer |
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5. Why does German see the “legal” practices happening in his former workplace as discrimination?

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| Answer |
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## Part E: Critical Thinking

### Critical Thinking

Answer the following questions in the boxes provided below.

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| Answer |
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What instances of hope and resilience did you see in each story?

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| Answer |
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## Part F: Prediction

### Prediction

Read the continuations in [The Past is Another Country – Volume 2](https://wpl.winnipeg.ca/library/pdfs/downloadables/thepastisanothercountryvolume2.pdf) (Winnipeg Public Library, 2013) to check your answers.

**What do you think happens in the rest of each story?**

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| Answer |
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