



Truth or Lie ?

**Irregular migrants are
always needed for jobs
in the Sahara Desert.**

Lie

The truth

It is very difficult to get a good job as an irregular migrant in the Sahara Desert countries. Often irregular migrants are forced into prostitution or unpaid labor and do not earn any money.





Truth or Lie ?

If you are gay or lesbian, you can enter Germany without proper paperwork.

Lie

The truth

Regardless of your sexual orientation, you are only allowed entry if your travel documents are valid and complete. Being gay or lesbian does NOT grant you a free pass through the border.





Truth or Lie ?

Everything abroad is free, including healthcare, schooling, public transport, food, and so on.

Lie

The truth

Many European countries offer free schooling, but this is financed through taxes that everyone has to pay.

Healthcare is run through the government, but it is funded by the people and employers.

Food and public transportation is **not free**: it has to be paid for by the people buying it.

There are social programs to support the most needy in society, but these programs only apply to those who have already paid into the system through years of work.





Truth or Lie ?

**Studying in Germany
is free.**

This is partially

True

Studying at public universities in Germany is usually free, although certain areas of study do cost money. However, almost all classes are conducted in German.

It is very difficult to be accepted for your studies at a public university. You have to meet many requirements and have excellent grades.

There are other private institutions that offer classes in English, but these are very expensive.





Truth or Lie ?

**Going to Europe is the
only way to improve
your life and earn a
good living.**

Lie

The truth

There are many positive alternatives to migration and ways to earn a good living at home.

The Smart Migration Guide lists positive alternatives, such as gaining additional education at university or through a vocational program, reaching out to organizations that can help you find a job, or pursuing entrepreneurship as a livelihood option.





Truth or Lie ?

**The journey through
Libya is easy and will
only take one week.**

Lie

The truth

The journey through Libya is dangerous and can take years. Many people die on the route.

As estimated 30,000 people have died or gone missing in the desert since 2014.

The United Nations says that for every one person who drowns in the Mediterranean Sea, two people die in the desert.





Truth or Lie ?

Germans marry quickly, often only a few months after meeting someone.

Lie

The truth

Germans are very slow to marry. It is also very common to live together, but not get married.

How long do you think people in Germany are usually a couple, before they get married? The average couple is together for 5 years before they get married!

Citizens of non-European countries cannot get married in Germany on a visitor's visa.





Truth or Lie ?

**If given asylum, you
will instantly receive
10,000 euros.**

Lie

The truth

Even if you do get asylum, you will not receive a large welcome payment. And while you are waiting for asylum, you are not allowed to work.

Smugglers often promise you will get this payment from Germany and that you can pay off your loans with this money. But do not believe smugglers: **this is not true.**

There is **no** large welcome payment.





Truth or Lie ?

**It is hard to find
a job in Germany.**

Truth

Finding a job in Germany takes time and is hard, since Germany already has many skilled workers.

How hard it will be depends on your visa status, your level of education, and whether you speak German. Germany does **not** hire people without a valid visa. Many jobs in Germany require a high level of skill or education.





Truth or Lie ?

Women who migrate irregularly to Europe can send for their families, who can then enter the country without problems.

Lie

The truth

If you migrate irregularly, your family will not automatically have the right to enter the new country.

Additionally, you will not be able to travel back to see them and return - and so you may be separated for many years.





Truth or Lie ?

**There are good jobs
and educational
opportunities to be
found at home.**

Truth

There are many opportunities to succeed and create a good life at home, through education, training, entrepreneurship, or employment. Succeeding at home is also made easier because you already speak the language(s) and understand the culture.





Truth or Lie ?

There are organizations and agencies at home that can help you find a job.

Truth


There are many agencies and organizations that can help you find a vocational training program, mentor you, or help you find a good job at home. The Smart Migration Guide lists some resources in Chapter 8.





Truth or Lie ?

**Life in Germany is
easy. Everyone has a
job and a home.**



Lie

The Truth

Life in Germany is not always easy. Germany is a well-off country. But just like in all countries, there are rich people and there are poor people. Germany's poor also struggle to pay their bills and to have enough money for food, shelter, and clothing.

Germany has unemployment and there are homeless people who live on the streets.

Life can be easy in Germany, but it is not easy for everyone.





Truth or Lie ?

Smugglers and human traffickers use social media to post dangerous migration offers.

Truth

Many smugglers and human traffickers use social media to find victims. They promise them safe journeys to Europe in exchange for money. But these offers are dangerous and based on lies. Smugglers and traffickers are criminals. They only care about money, not people.

Nobody on social media can promise you a safe backdoor migration experience.





Truth or Lie ?

**You need a passport
to travel to Europe.**



Truth

You need a valid passport to legally travel to Europe. Additionally, you will need to apply for a visa before leaving your home country. Only with these two documents are you legally allowed to travel to Europe.





Truth or Lie ?

**It is hard to get
asylum in Germany.**

Truth

How does Germany decide who is given asylum?

It is based on your country of origin. Germany has a law that helps decide who gets asylum and who cannot get it.

The law has a list of "safe countries." These are countries in which Germany thinks it is safe to live: the government functions and people are free from torture. Ghana and The Gambia are both considered safe countries.

Because of this, it is very rare for people from these countries to get asylum.





Truth or Lie ?

**It takes a long time
to get asylum in
Germany.**

Truth

The asylum process usually takes at least six months. During this time, you are not allowed to work.

And if you are from a "safe country" such as Ghana or The Gambia, it is very likely that your application for asylum will be rejected.

