

Reading Guide for **The Contract**

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Summary: "The Contract" describes Ngoc Tuyen's decision to move from Vietnam to Singapore to marry, and hopefully provide her with more financial security.

A. Review the key vocabulary words:

economic disparity, marriage migration

B. As you read, use details from the text to respond to the following questions:

1. What is "marriage migration"? What did it look like for On Ngoc Tuyen, the subject of this story?
2. What have been the destinations for most women in Vietnam who are migrating through marriage?
3. Why did On Nguoc Tuyen pursue migration through marriage?
4. What is the difference between the annual incomes in Vietnam and Singapore, where Tuyen's husband is from?
5. What is the process of getting a visa for a person migrating to Singapore?
6. Who is responsible for reviewing a visa in Singapore, and what can happen if a visa is not renewed?

C. Write or discuss your responses to the following questions:

1. How do laws around marriage migration in Singapore impact the person who is migrating for the marriage? Why do you think those laws are in place?

2. Ngoc Tuyen had to leave her children behind in Vietnam. How do you think that decision affected her and her children?