

Intake Glossary

English	Second Language
Affidavit	
Affiliation/to be affiliated with	
Alien Number	
Amputation	
Appeal/ to appeal	
Applicant	
Applied for asylum	
An appeal	
Application “deferred”	
Assaulted	
Assessment	
Associate’s degree	
Asylee (granted asylum)	
Asylum	
Asylum officer	
Attorney/lawyer	
Authorities	
Bachelor’s Degree	
Back pain	
Ballot	
Beaten (to be)	
Behavior patterns	
Border guards	
Burn/to burn	
Bush (i.e. “escaped into the bush”)	
Case	
Charges (i.e. criminal charges)	
Clan	
Clandestine	
Complaint	
Concentration camp	
Confidential	
Corpse/dead bodies	
Corroborating evidence	
Courage	
Court	
Co-wife	
Crying easily	
Custody	
Democracy	

Demonstration	
Depression	
Dictator/dictatorship	
Disability	
Disappeared	
Disfigurement	
Dizziness	
Do you blame yourself? (self guilt)	
Documentation	
Election campaign	
Electric shock	
Electrocution	
Employed with work authorization	
Employed without work authorization	
Escape/to escape/flee/seek refuge	
Exile	
Faith	
Fearful	
Feeling lonely	
Feelings	
Female genital mutilation	
Fingerprint/to get fingerprinted	
Food bank/food pantry/soup kitchen	
Food stamps	
Forced labor camp	
Form (that you fill out)	
Fraudulent	
Hallucinations	
Handcuffs/to be handcuffed/shackles/shackled	
Harassment	
Harmed Sexually	
Headaches	
Healing	
Hearing	
Heart pounding	
Hope	
Human rights organization	
Immigration	
Imprison	
Improvement	
In hiding	
Inability to concentrate	
Interpreter	
Judge	
Kidnap	

Lawyer	
Legal organization	
Loss of sexual interest	
Marital Status	
Medicaid	
Meeting	
Membership cards (for political groups)	
Military camp	
Motion to Reopen/Reconsider	
Mutilation	
National Identity Card	
Nausea or upset stomach	
Nightmare	
Notice (i.e. notice to appear)	
Other	
“Out of body” Experience	
Pain	
Parole	
Passport	
Permanent resident	
Persecution	
Physical Health	
Polls	
Primary caregiver	
Prison camp	
Prison cell	
Prisoners	
Pro bono	
Proof of Entry	
Protest march	
Psychological testing	
Quaranic School	
Rape/to be raped	
Rebels	
Refugee	
Refugee camp	
Refugee resettlement organization	
Removal (deportation) proceedings	
Resilience	
Rifle/gun butt	
Rumination/ Too much thinking	
Scarring	
Sadness	
Satisfied	
Search/arrest warrant	

Sentence	
Sexual assault	
Shelter	
Shortness of breath	
Social group	
Soldiers	
Social services	
Social work	
Spirit	
Sponsor	
Stable housing	
Stomach pain	
Stowaway	
Struck	
Suicidal ideation	
Supporting documents	
Tear gas	
Therapist	
Therapy	
To apply (i.e. for asylum)	
To be a member of (i.e. a political party)	
To be arrested/arrest	
To be stripped (of clothes)	
To beat/to be beaten	
To bribe	
To cut	
To detain/detainment/detention	
To fight/ to struggle	
To file (an application)	
To grant (asylum)	
To interrogate/interrogation	
To kill/murder	
To mark (i.e. mark with a cut or scar)	
To ransack	
To rig (elections)	
To shoot	
To smuggle (people)	
To swear (an oath)	
To tell the truth	
To threaten/threats	
To tie up/to be tied up	
To whip (also noun whip)	
Torture	
Trauma	
Trembling	

Trouble sleeping	
Unable to work	
Underground	
Undocumented	
Unemployed, not authorized to work	
Unemployed, authorized to work, but not seeking employment	
Unemployed, authorized to work, and seeking employment	
US Citizen	
Violence	
Weakness	
Widowed	
Wisdom	
Withholding/deferral/CAT	
Witness/to witness	
Work permit	