

1) Look back and read about Meera's life before she came to the UK.

*I originally come from a small village in northern India. Until we moved to Delhi, we used to live on a farm. Life used to be very difficult. If the rains didn't come, then our crops wouldn't grow. I remember living with my grandparents, an uncle and auntie, and their children. Our house was very small, just a room really, so we didn't used to get much privacy. However, we were a happy.*

*One of my favourite memories is of my mum. Like everyone else, she used to work on the fields during the day, but in the evening, she would cook everyone the most fabulous food. My uncle was a musician, and his wife was a wonderful singer. Sometimes they would sing songs, and everyone would join in.*

2) Think about life before you came to the UK. What was your childhood like?

Make some notes. For example:

*I lived in a small house in a city.*

*My mother stayed at home.*

*We sometimes went to the zoo.*

- 3) Write two paragraphs about your life before you came to the UK. Use your notes and sentences similar to these ideas in your writing:

*When I...*

*I used to live...*

*My father would...*

*Sometimes we used to...*