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*.

1. 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*.

1. 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…*