

Questions for your interview

What is your full name?

What country do you come from? When did you come?

Why did you move to the U.S.?

Why did you move to Minnesota?

How long did it take you to decide to move?

How did you get from your former home to Minnesota?

Costs and Benefits

In my class we learned about costs (negative things) and benefits (positive things) of every decision. When you moved here, did you get any benefits you did not think of before you moved? Tell me about them.

Were there any costs that you did not think of before you moved? Tell me about them.

Food

What did you like to eat at home?

How do you feel about food in USA?

What do you miss?

What do you not miss?

Clothes

What did you wear in your old country?

How do you feel about clothes here?

Weather

What was weather like in old country?

How did you feel about weather here?

What was easy for you to adapt to?

What was hard for you to adapt to?

Language

What language (s) did you speak in old country?

How do you feel about English?

How did you learn English?

Job

What job did you do in old country?

What job do you do here?

How do you feel about change of job?

How is your job similar/different here from in old country?

How long did it take to find your job here?

Customs and beliefs

In our class, we learned that immigrants adopt some customs and beliefs of the US. Sometimes this happens quickly; sometimes it happens slowly.

What customs (food, language, clothes, holidays) in your life have changed since you came to the US?

What religion do you practice?

How has the way you practice your religion changed since you came to the US?

What beliefs in your life have changed since you came to the US?

What has been a difficult part of your life since you came to the US?

What has been an easy change in your life since you came to the US?

Where you live

How is your house different from your house in the old country?

How is your house the same as your house in the old country?

How did you find your house in Minnesota?

In our class, we learned that some immigrants live in neighborhoods where others from their same old country also live. What about you?

If you live in an ethnic neighborhood, why do you live there?

If you do not live in an ethnic neighborhood, why do you live there?

Discrimination

We learned that some immigrants face discrimination. Some Americans do not accept or understand immigrants.

Have you ever faced discrimination?

Tell me about it.

Have you ever felt left out since you moved to the US?

New friends

Tell me about one American person you have met here.

How is this friend helpful to you?

Advice

What would make Minnesota more comfortable for you as an immigrant?

Since I am learning how to be a good citizen, what do you suggest I do to make immigrants feel more comfortable?