



## Ruta Bruzaite's Extract

Read the extract from Ruta Bruzaite, a recent migrant to the UK and answer the following questions:

1. Why did Ruta Bruzaite travel abroad?
2. Why was it difficult for Ruta Bruzaite to find work in Poland and why did she chose to live in England?
3. What does Ruta Bruzaite like about her life in the UK?
4. What does Ruta Bruzaite dislike about her life in the UK?

Imagine you had moved to another country and write a postcard to your family here in Shropshire explaining your first impression of life in your new country. Use Ruta Bruzaite's extract to inspire you.

"Since I was a child, I have always wanted to travel abroad. I have always had an interest in other cultures and different ways of life and I knew that if I studied hard at school I would get to fulfil my dreams. At first everything was going well, then suddenly I had a life-changing event; my mother divorced my father. I felt upset and angry all at one time and it felt as though my life had been turned upside down.

I had always planned to go to university after school, but unfortunately after my parents' divorce, my mother could not afford to pay for my studies. So instead, I had to rethink how I could go about achieving my dreams. At first I thought I would get a good job and save to go abroad, but in Poland you cannot get a well-paid job unless you are a university graduate. Instead I decided to try my luck in England, where my cousin had settled.

I have been here for quite a while now and so I feel settled in. I like travelling around the UK and seeing beautiful places, like Wales with the beautiful mountains, lakes and beaches. The most boring part of my life is working, but I guess everyone has to do it!"