

## A.4 ◀ An immigrant's biography p. 65

### Before watching

1. **PW** Discuss these questions with a classmate.
- ▶ How many people do you know who live in Italy but are not Italian?
  - ▶ Do you know why they or their parents came to Italy?
  - ▶ Have you noticed any different cultural habits they have?
  - ▶ Do you know if they've had any problems integrating into Italian society?
  - ▶ What do you think an Indian born person may find strange or unusual about Italy?

### While watching

2. Watch the commentary (00:00-00:23) and fill in the missing information.

Britain has a long history of immigration, probably starting around (1) ..... AD with the arrival of Angles and Saxons, followed by the (2) ..... in the 11th century.

In the 1950's and 1960's there was immigration from ex-colonies such as the West Indies, (3) ..... and (4) ..... and more recently from (5) ..... Europe.

In 2008, (6) ..... people arrived to live in the UK while 427,000 left so net migration into Britain was 163,000.

3. Watch the first part of the interview (00:24-01:08) and complete the profile of Usha.



Name	Usha .....
Place of birth	....., India
Age on arrival in UK	.....
Period of year in which she arrived	.....
First impression of Britain	.....

4. Now watch the rest of the interview and complete the summary by writing one word in the spaces.

Students at Usha's school thought she was a (1) ..... . She found that there weren't many (2) ..... at her university. She's a vegetarian and found there isn't much (3) ..... in British vegetables. She finds the winters (4) ..... now. When she first arrived people didn't wear tights or (5) ..... . She likes Indian food and particularly enjoys her (6) ..... 's cooking. She found that lunch at British school was called (7) ..... . When she first went back to India she felt like an (8) ..... from a different (9) ..... . She feels there are big (10) ..... between India and Britain.

**5. Watch the whole interview again and decide if these statements are True (T) or False (F) or Don't know (D).**

- 1. When Usha first arrived in the UK she noticed that everybody seemed sun tanned.
- 2. She felt afraid when she first arrived.
- 3. She found people were unfriendly to her.
- 4. She studied engineering at university.
- 5. There were more men than women at her university.
- 6. She finds more warm clothes than in the past.
- 7. She feels comfortable when she goes home now.
- 8. She wants to go back and live in India one day.

### After watching

**6. PW** With a partner prepare four more questions to ask Usha and then write a possible answer from her.

**7. PW** If you have a classmate who has come to Italy from another country, prepare one or two questions to ask him/her about his/her experiences in Italy. If not, prepare some questions to ask someone who has arrived from another country and simulate an interview with your partner.

**8. If possible, watch the movie *Welcome* by Philippe Lioret (there's a short clip on Youtube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCUK40A0J1A&feature=search](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCUK40A0J1A&feature=search)) and write a short summary of the film and your impressions.**

**9. PW** Britain has a 'Life in the UK' for immigrants wishing to obtain British citizenship.

Try some sample questions at: [www.workpermit.com/uk/naturalisation/life\\_in\\_the\\_uk/quiz.htm](http://www.workpermit.com/uk/naturalisation/life_in_the_uk/quiz.htm).

Compare your results with a partner. What do you think of the quiz?

Prepare similar questions for people wishing to obtain Italian citizenship and then try them out on some classmates.