

**My new home**

1 I was a Chinese girl who lived in the countryside. I didn't know much about foreign countries  
2 and I never thought I would experience living abroad in my life. However, I made a special  
3 journey.

4 Actually, it was my new life: I moved to England. It was unbelievable for me. When I arrived  
5 at the airport it was exciting. I had never seen an airport so elegant and great and my  
6 feelings were complex - I was full of curiosity and my heart was like a rabbit's. Outside it was  
7 raining so I travelled by car. I was thinking; thinking of my new life.

8 The next day I got up and I couldn't wait to go out, even though my English was not good. I  
9 looked at my new surroundings. It was clean, quiet and beautiful. It was very different.

10 Everything, everywhere, everyone was new for me. I thought I couldn't live there, and I was  
11 scared about that. As time went on, I gradually learned many things. I remember the British  
12 people were especially kind, and that they would help me to understand and be understood.

13 I felt that I shouldn't be afraid because I had a lot of good friends and we could learn from  
14 each other. The important thing was that I could be secure and happy to live in England, and  
15 start to feel like it was my sweet home.

16 When starting my new life in a different country, I needed to know about the culture there  
17 and how to take care of myself. This was a good chance to get my own independence. I am  
18 very happy and glad that I came here. A new country, a new life and new challenges.

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Chinese lady living in England

