

My new home

1 After a long wait, in April 1997, I finally came to the UK. Two weeks after our marriage in
2 India, my husband had to go back for his job but I had to wait for two years for my visa to be
3 approved. My family & I were so worried because my marriage was on the line. I still
4 remember the day when Dr Udwadia (the immigration doctor) told me that I could go to the
5 UK - I was so happy that I started to cry.

6 The lifestyle in England is totally different from India. Everything was unusual to me - the
7 weather, the people, the food, the education, the culture, the houses and, especially, the
8 accents of everybody's speech. I had to adjust myself in every little way, which was difficult
9 for me in the beginning, especially when my in-laws kept telling me that this was not India
10 and that you couldn't do this and you couldn't do that. I had to stay strong and adjust myself
11 quickly, as after two months I was expecting my first son.

12 The support from my husband really helped me settle in and overcome the homesick
13 feelings I had on leaving my family back in India. England has become my home now.

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Indian lady living in England

