



My name is Safiyo Ali Mursal. I am your friend.

I am a Somali mother.

I am from the south of Somalia.

I was born in Bakool, Hudur District, in a small village called Biyooley.

I was born in 1955.

My mother and father died when I was a baby.

I never saw my mother or father. My uncle raised me.

I grew up in Baidoa Janaay.

I went to a madrassa in Mogadishu to learn the Qur'an when I was young. After this, I started primary school.

The name of the school was Xamar Jadiid.





I went to school until Standard 8 class.  
I started my teacher training in 1983.  
I started working as a teacher in 1985.  
I worked as a teacher for 10 years.

I got married in 1971.  
I had 7 children. One son died.  
I have one daughter and five sons.

In 2012, I went to Kenya.  
I spent 4 years in Nairobi.  
I came to Ireland in 2016.



**Please answer the following questions.**

1. What is her name?

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2. Where is she from?

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3. Where was she born?

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4. When was she born?

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5. When did her mother and father die?

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6. Who raised her?

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7. Where did she grow up?

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8. Where did she go to learn the Qur'an?

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9. What was the name of her school?

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10. When did she start her teacher training?

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11. When did she start working as a teacher?

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12. How long did she work as a teacher?

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13. When did she get married?

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14. How many children did she have?

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15. Where did she go in 2012?

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16. How long did she spend in Nairobi?

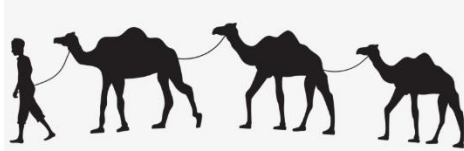
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17. When did she come to Ireland?

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**Go back to page 1 and 2.  
Circle the past tense verbs in the reading.  
The first one is complete.  
Now write them below.**

<b>be</b>	<b>was</b>
<b>die</b>	
<b>see</b>	
<b>raise</b>	
<b>grow up</b>	
<b>go</b>	
<b>start</b>	
<b>work</b>	
<b>get married</b>	
<b>have</b>	
<b>spend</b>	
<b>come</b>	



**Finish the sentences.**

My name is \_\_\_\_\_.

I am from \_\_\_\_\_.

I was born in \_\_\_\_\_ (place).

I was born in \_\_\_\_\_ (year).

My \_\_\_\_\_ raised me.

I grew up in \_\_\_\_\_.

The name of my school was  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Choose one sentence.**

In my country, I worked as a  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**or**

In my country, I was a student.

**or**

In my country, I was a housewife.

**or**

In my country, I did not work.

**Choose one sentence.**

I have \_\_\_\_\_ children. **or** I do not have children.

**Choose one sentence.**

I spent \_\_\_\_\_ years in another country.

**or**

I have not lived in another country except Ireland and \_\_\_\_\_.

I came to Ireland in \_\_\_\_\_ (year).



**Answer the following questions with full sentences.**

1. What is your name?

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2. Where are you from?

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3. Where were you born?

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4. When were you born?

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5. Who raised you?

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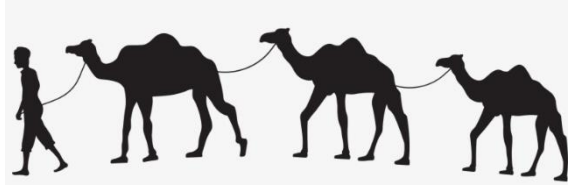
6. Where did you grow up?

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7. What is the name of your school in Ireland?

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8. What did you do in your country?

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9. Do you have children?

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10. How many years did you spend in another country?

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11. When did you come to Ireland?

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