

Boris's Move to Montreal

I moved to Montreal last year in January. It wasn't easy to leave my family behind but I wanted to find a better life for myself in Canada. I felt pretty depressed for the first few months because I didn't know anyone in my neighbourhood. It was dark at four o'clock and freezing cold; the weather was just depressing. I wasn't interested in socializing or participating in any activities but then my cousin Sergei told me about a great English school in my neighbourhood. I thought I would find my teacher annoying, but to my surprise, her class was very interesting. I was a little bit embarrassed when I had to do my first oral presentation in English. I am very excited to go to class now and I no longer feel so exhausted during my classes. Life is only getting better for me now!

Top Ten Problems Faced by Immigrants

Watch the video and write down the top ten problems faced by immigrants.

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Instructions: Listen to Boris talk about his experience moving to Montreal. Answer the questions. Try to use full sentences in your answers.

1. What did Boris say was not easy to leave behind?
2. How did Boris feel the first few months that he lived here?
3. What did Boris think of the weather in Montreal?
4. How did Boris describe his feelings about participating in social activities?
5. What did Boris expect of his new English teacher?
6. How did Boris feel when he had to do his first oral presentation?
7. How does Boris feel about going to English class now?

Five minute Discussion: With your neighbour, discuss the following questions:

How did you feel about Montreal when you first moved here?

What aspects of living here do you find to be the most challenging?