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Father

1. How was life like moving?

Life moving from one side of the world to another was one of my biggest accomplishments as it took hard work and perseverance to be done. It came with many struggles and hardships I had to overcome, but my determination led me to success.

2. What was the hardest part about moving?

The hardest part about moving countries was the language barrier and having to read and write in a language that was hardly ever seen in India. Moving as a whole was a struggle, but I came to overcome those struggles and fears with determination and motivation for success.

3. At what age did you want to move?

After college I decided in order to grow up to help my kids and my family, I should move and better my life in the U.S. The opportunity America had placed was one that couldn't be missed, if I wanted to be successful at that time I had to move to the U.S.

4. Why did you want to move?

I wanted to move because I wanted my work in a country that was accepting and a good place to raise a family. What drove me to move initially was the opportunity that had been placed upon me.

5. How is the country you grew up in different from the US?

The country I grew up in is different because in the country I grew up in, it was developing, therefore the lack of civilization and advancements in society there are now were lacked.

6. What about the US is similar to the country you grew up in?

Both countries are very welcoming and community like. Moving had opened doors on how the two countries i'm living in are very similar.

7. What did you have to adapt to when you moved?

I had to learn a new language, get a U.S driver's license and understand where to go to find the nearest gas station or grocery store. Moving had placed hardships but I learned to adapt to them.

8. How is the civilization different from the country you live in comparative to the country you grew up in?

In india there was little to no civilization, we lacked buildings and grocery stores. In america life is different and helped me change my life for the better.

9. How has moving changed your life?

Moving has changed my life positively because it has allowed me to get a family and allowed me to provide for my family. Without moving, I wouldn't be able to have created a platform for my family and myself.

10. What was an ordinary day like for you as a 15 year old teen?

As a fifteen year old, I would go to grade school walking and come home walking. In india life was harder because we had much more homework and we also had to work. Once I got home I would do some homework and then go outside to play cricket. At about 8:30 P.M my family and I would eat dinner, and then I would study until my eyes fell asleep.

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11. Tell me about a memory you have in the country you grew up in?

My favorite memory was playing cricket everyday after school with my neighbors. The little things are what I remember, although moving has impacted me greatly, I miss the little things I did that were instilled in my memory.

12. How did you feel when you had to leave behind family?

One of the biggest obstacles was to leave my family behind, I was devastated, but I knew I could communicate with them and fly them here to America to spend time with me. My family means the world to me and leaving them shattered me but in America my family were ensured of my success.

13. When did you feel like giving up?

I never gave up because I knew the solution to my hard work. I was motivated and determined to never let anyone down including myself down.

14. How has moving benefited you today?

My life has benefited because I have raised a family and bettered my life as a whole. Moving has changed me for the better, I have had the biggest accomplishment and pride from moving.

15. What were the first few days like in America?

Very stressful because I had to learn English and find a job. I had many hard bumps that I had to overcome and jump over, but those hardships make me the person I am today.

16. How did you overcome your biggest obstacle?

When I stumbled across an obstacle I told myself that everything will be worth it in the end. My mindset allowed me to succeed, also my urge to never give because I didn't want to upset my family.

17. What do you think of your new country?

I love my new country, I'm very grateful that I moved here to the U.S to better my life.

18. What do you think of your old country?

My old country is my home that I miss, but understand that I left it to make a new life.

19. What do you miss most about your old country?

I miss my family and close friends, along with them I miss the culture and tradition that we all celebrated as a community.

20. What was your immigration process like?

The immigration process was tedious and time consuming, but with the right mindset I was able to soar the process.

21. What lesson did you learn from your journey?

This journey has been spectacular and has helped me grow as a person, I have learned countless lessons from this awarding journey. I have learned to never give up and lose faith in what I'm doing, never giving up on my journey allowed me to succeed and complete my desires on moving. I also learned that everything happens for a reason, some of the challenges I faced happened for one reason, and that reason was to allow me to learn from my mistakes and take something from them.

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Grandma

1. Why did you decide not to move to the US with my mom and dad?

I decided not to move with your mom and dad because everyone lived here in India and I didn't want to leave everyone behind. I also knew your dad was motivated and a hard worker and would be find on his own with your mom.

2. How did you feel when my mom and dad decided to come to the US?

I was upset, but in the back of my mind I knew it would result in something amazing.

3. Why do you think my parents came here to the US?

They came here to the US to better their lives as India was not the best place to grow a family as it was in poverty.

4. How was life when my parents moved to the US?

My life had changed drastically because I had missed my daughter and son-in-law, but I talked to them daily.

5. How has moving to the US impacted my parents life?

It has impacted your parents life greatly because they have grown a family along with a business and money to support their family.

Mother

1. Why did you decide to move to the US with my dad?

I moved because we both were deciding to better our life and the future of our family's life. The immigration process had all begun in January of 1998, we packed our bags, said bye to all of our family members and left to better ourselves in America. We landed early the next day as stress as can be, but your Pratiks determination has allowed us to take the next big leap to succeed in this new country. Yours father's urge to work so hard influenced many including me, his story of learning new languages and adapting to a new country, allowed me to put him in high regards

2. How did you feel leaving your mom and other family members behind?

I was heartbroken, but I kept in touch with them daily.

3. What was the biggest obstacle for you?

Doing the immigration process with your sister as a 6 month old baby.

4. How has moving benefited you today?

It has opened a big door for you and your sisters when it comes to education and has helped me better myself. Your dad, he is the hardest worker I know and knew his future resided in America.

5. Why do you think moving was the best choice for you guys? Moving was the best choice because India was in poverty and may not be the best place for a family of young children to grow up. Since India was in poverty it was better if we left to grow our family in America.

6. How was life like a year after moving?

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Life was exactly as I had envisioned, my motivation to never give up allowed me to buy a house and raise a family.

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I like this lead. Well done. Make sure that your second paragraph, the nut graf fully answers as many of the 5Ws and 1H as you can. You didn't really do a great job of that.

He left to better his family.

Living in a country surrounded in poverty from one end to the other, the opportunity to leave this country and benefit his life in a civilized country like America, ten years ago, was the goal for Pratik Patel. He packed his bag in 1998, grabbed a flight, and left to better his family.

"He is the hardest worker I know and he knew his future resided in America," Pratik's wife, Rashmi Patel said. If the second part of this is a quote, you need quotation marks. Also you need to remain out of this story. You cannot use the words my mother and you should edit the quotes so it isn't obvious to your readers that this story is about a family member. You need to stay in 3rd person and report the story, not be involved with the story.

Pratik was determined to move to qualify his family's future as well as his future.

"I wanted to move because I wanted my work in a country that was accepting and in a good place to raise a family," Pratik said, "what drove me to move initially was the opportunity that had been placed upon me." again my father and we already have his full name. When have a story about people with the same last name, you should use first names only once they have been introduced with a full name (first and last name).

The opportunity that had arisen regarding work allowed them to make the decision to move, across the globe, to America. Moving to America allowed for more opportunities in the future for his family.

"It has opened a big door for you and your sisters when it comes to education and has helped me better myself," Rashmi said. The second part of this is a transition and needs to be in its own paragraph, or should be included with the transition about it.

The process of immigrating and changing his life had just begun for Pratik Patel.

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“The immigration process had all begun in January of 1998, we packed our bags, said bye to all of our family members and left to better ourselves in America.” Rashmi said. The journey began for my parents and allowed my parents to grow and learn from their journey across the globe. **Don't forget your attributions need to be title name said, not said name.**

Immigration was known to be challenging as it took many months and even years to accomplish.

“The immigration process was tedious and time consuming, but with the right mindset I was able to soar through the process,” Pratik said.

These are stacked quotes. You cannot do this - it needs to be quote-transition, all the time.

The new life had now began for Pratik Patel.

“We landed early the next day as stressed as can be, but Pratiks determination allowed us to take the next big leap to succeed in this new country,” Rashmi said. Pratiks motivation has allowed his family to be successful.

Pratik had to adapt to the new country around him by learning new skills.

“I had to learn a new language, get a U.S driver's license and understand where to go to find the nearest gas station or grocery store. Moving had placed hardships but I learned to adapt to them,” Pratik said.

Moving countries comes with many new ways of life that one must get used to and adapt to.

“Your father's urge to work so hard influenced many including me, his story of learning new languages and adapting to a new country, allowed me to put him in high regards,” Rashmi said.

With moving across the globes comes many obstacles.

“When I stumbled across an obstacle I told myself that everything will be worth it in the end,” Pratik said, “my mindset allowed me to succeed, also my urge to never give because I didn't want to upset my family.”

Moving across the globe had benefited Pratik and impacted his life.

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“It has impacted your parents life greatly because they have grown a family along with a business and money to support their family,” Pratik's mother in law, Mela Patel said. “My life has benefited because I have raised a family and bettered my life as a whole. Moving has changed me for the better, I have had the biggest accomplishment and pride from moving,” Pratik said

With everything good comes a bad, a major barrier and challenge Pratik faced was the fact that there was nearly eight thousand miles between Pratik and his family.

“One of the biggest obstacles was to leave my family behind, I was devastated, but I knew I could communicate with them and fly them here to America to spend time with me,” Pratik said, “My family means the world to me and leaving them shattered me but in America my family were ensured of my success.” Although, he has many obstacles his determination to never give up allowed him to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Despite the language barrier and the many hardships, a year after moving life was the same as they imagined it would be.

“Life was exactly as I had envisioned, my motivation to never give up allowed me to buy a house and raise a family,” Pratik said. Moving has laid a platform for his family and has allowed him to succeed.

Pratik had learned many lessons on the journey he took to benefit his family and himself.

“This journey has been spectacular and has helped me grow as a person, I have learned countless lessons from this awarding journey,” Pratik said.

He retained firm in his beliefs to move and his goals to accomplish on his journey.

“I have learned to never give up and lose faith in what I'm doing, never giving up on my journey allowed me to succeed and complete my desires on moving,” Pratik said, “I also learned that everything happens for a reason, some of the challenges I faced happened for one reason, and that reason was to allow me to learn from my mistakes and take something from them.”

He had bettered his family. **Perfect ending to tie directly back to your lead. Well done.**

So you have some things to fix, but overall this was a solid effort. I didn't make many edit marks for the last few paragraphs because they are the same errors I already wrote about. You need to

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double check everything through the story so you fix all the issues. I want to also say that normally we want to end with a quote, but you did such a nice job tying this story together at the end, that I am okay with how you concluded it. Fix your embedded quotes, fix your attribution problems, Get rid of the first and last names throughout, make sure you are in quote-transition style the entire way and you should be fine. Nice job on the first draft.