



WHAT WAS YOUR LIFE LIKE WHEN YOU WERE A CHILD?

1. Use the suggested topics and sample story to write or tell your tutor a story of at least 10 sentences about your childhood. If you write your response, double space what you write to leave room for corrections.
2. Choose **one or more** of these topics that are special to you. Don't discuss things all children do in the same way:
 - a. Your family, mother's and father's names, their way of making a living, brothers, sisters, and other close relatives, family pets;
 - b. Your house or apartment, the area, the city, and state you grew up in;
 - c. Your favorite food, clothes, toys, games, books, and movies;
 - d. Your best friends; what you did, where you played;
 - e. Your first school, your feeling about school, how you got there, your best and poorest subjects, your favorite teacher;
 - f. Your earliest ambition for your future;
 - g. Your memory of unusual events or accidents.

SAMPLE STORY

In 1980, Liliana was 10 years old. She was born in Wroclaw, a big city in Poland. She had always stayed in the same small, cold apartment building with her mom and dad. Liliana had to share her bed with her little sister. Her dad worked nights at a power station, and during the day, he was always sleeping, so everyone had to be quiet. At that time, Poland wasn't rich like Canada. The family didn't have any modern luxuries. They shared a laundry with other families. Their TV was black and white and had only one channel. They didn't have any computer games or videos. Liliana owned very few toys and usually played in the playground outside. She was hoping to get a dog one day, but it



never happened. Liliana loved walking just one block to school every day where she was studying mathematics and Russian. She got excellent grades, but in 1980, she had never dreamed that one day she'd be going to college in Canada.

SOME VERBS USED HERE

am/are/is/was/were/been live/lived/lived stay/stayed/stayed
work/worked/worked sleep/slept/slept has/have/had to
look/looked/looked after

help/helped/helped share/shared/shared own/owned/owned
play/played/played hope/hoped/hoped
happen/happened/happened walk/walked/walked

study/studied/studied get/got/got dream/dreamed/dreamed