

## Oral historian for a day

Here are some ideas and phrases to use for your interview.

### Reasons for coming to Germany

#### Useful phrases

What was your life like in ... ? | Did you like your life in ... ? | Why / when did you ... ? | Did you know anyone who ... ? | Did you speak any German before you ... ? | What were your plans for ... ?



### Feelings about leaving his / her home country

#### Useful phrases

Was it hard to ... ? | Who / what did you leave behind in ... ? | What did your friends and family say when ... ? | How do / did you keep in touch with ... ? | What do you miss from ... ? | Do you often go to ... ? | Do / did you think of yourself as a ... ?



### How he / she came here

#### Useful phrases

How did you get ... ? | How long did it take ... ? | Did you go by yourself or with ... ? | What did you bring ... ? | Was the ... expensive? | Where did you first arrive?



### His / her first experiences in Germany

#### Useful phrases

What was your first impression of ... ? | What did you find surprising / strange / ... ? | Who was the first person ... ? | What was different from ... ? | What do / did you like about ... ? How difficult was it to ... ? | Did you have trouble with ... ? | What did you do when ... ? | How do you feel about ... today?

