

## Chris' immigratioin story

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My name is Ben. I am a 3rd-grade student at HighTech. We are doing a project on immigration. For this project, I interviewed my dad Chris. He comes from Switzerland.

Growing up, Chris had a great childhood. He experienced a lot of freedom, school finished mid-afternoon and once his homework was done, he played outside. He said: "Most kids were playing outside in his neighborhood, so he always found someone to play with". There are different seasons in Switzerland so depending on the weather he used to play different sports, like soccer in the summer and hockey in the winter.

Chris got married and had a baby at a young age. Few years after they got married, Chris and his wife decided to move to the U.S. Chris had to sell all of his belongings and gave his dog to his mom so that he could move. Leaving his friends, family, and all he knew was hard but he thought that it was worth it to try. Once everything was done, he took a plane directly to San Diego. Once he was about to land in San Diego, he was amazed by the beautiful ocean he saw outside of the plane window. This was very new to him because Switzerland is a land locked country.

When Chris got in the US, he had to learn the language because he didn't know any English. He learned by watching TV shows and working. His boss was a great help.

Nowadays, Chris was able to rebuild a great life in America and has adapted well. He has a great position as a landscape manager and also started a company. He has 3 children that make him proud. Chris still misses the snow capped mountains of Switzerland, the stinky cheese, and the delicious chocolate, so he goes back home to visit frequently.

I thought the interesting part was that he learned English by watching tv. His story sounded like it was easy, he only took a plane. And his boss seems like a very good help.