

**My Mom**  
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My mom loved living in Kazakhstan because she liked her life there. My mom was born in Kazakhstan and grew up with two brothers. My mom's parents liked to work and they were young. My mom lived in a beautiful, big house. She had a peaceful life when she grew up. My mom liked having new and beautiful things. In my mom's country, the shops were better and the clothes were beautiful. The buildings were better too. Right now my mom lives in California.

My mom moved to California on September 26, 2004, one year and a half ago. My uncle invited my mom and her family to come to the United States. My mom has relatives over here also. My mom liked living in her old country better. My mom likes California because of the environment and the weather. One difference between Kazakhstan and the United States are the roads and freeways. The roads and freeways here are better than Kazakhstan. My mom has found a home in California because her relatives live in California, but she misses Kazakhstan.

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