



# Video Worksheet

Unit number: 01

Topic: Childhood

## Video: Amira talks about her childhood

Go to [www.macmillanihe.com/masteringarabic](http://www.macmillanihe.com/masteringarabic) to play the video of Amira talking about her childhood. See if you can answer these questions:

- 1 Where and with whom does she live now?
- 2 Where did she spend her childhood?
- 3 What did her parents do?
- 4 Where and when did she move countries?

Don't worry if you don't understand everything. Just listen for the key information. You'll find a transcript, a translation and an extension activity on the website.



## Extension activity

✓ Listen to the video again and fill in the gaps below in what Amira says.

مرحباً! \_\_\_\_\_ أميرة. أسكن في \_\_\_\_\_ لندن مع أسرتي، بنتي

و \_\_\_\_\_ . بنتي "هايدي" هي \_\_\_\_\_ .

أنا بريطانية، ولكن أصلاً \_\_\_\_\_ من مدينة \_\_\_\_\_ . أمضيت

\_\_\_\_\_ هناك، \_\_\_\_\_ مدينة القاهرة.

كان \_\_\_\_\_ ، في ذلك الوقت، \_\_\_\_\_ ضابطاً في الجيش.

أمّا \_\_\_\_\_ فكانت لا \_\_\_\_\_ . كانت ربة \_\_\_\_\_ .

في \_\_\_\_\_ ١٩٨٨ انتقلت من \_\_\_\_\_ القاهرة إلى مدينة

\_\_\_\_\_ أولاً، بعد ذلك \_\_\_\_\_ إلى مدينة لندن في \_\_\_\_\_

في \_\_\_\_\_ ١٩٩٣ مع أسرتي حيث عشنا هناك منذ \_\_\_\_\_ الوقت.

\_\_\_\_\_ مع \_\_\_\_\_ !

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# Transcript

مرحباً! اسمي أميرة. أسكن في مدينة لندن مع أسرتي، بنتي وزوجي. بنتي "هايدي" هي طبيبة. أنا بريطانية، ولكن أصلاً مصرية من مدينة القاهرة. أمضيت طفولتي هناك، في مدينة القاهرة. كان أبي، في ذلك الوقت، يعمل ضابطاً في الجيش. أما أمي فكانت لا تعمل. كانت ربة بيت. في عام ١٩٨٨ انتقلت من مدينة القاهرة إلى مدينة دبي أولاً، بعد ذلك انتقلت إلى مدينة لندن في بريطانيا في عام ١٩٩٣ مع أسرتي حيث عشنا هناك منذ ذلك الوقت. شكراً! مع السلامة!

# Translation

Hello! My name's Amira. I live in the city of London with my family: my daughter and my husband. My daughter, Heidi, is a doctor. I am British, but originally Egyptian from the city of Cairo. I spent my childhood there, in the city of Cairo. At the time, my father used to work as an officer in the army. As for my mother, she didn't work. She was a housewife.

In 1988 I moved first from the city of Cairo to the city of Dubai, and after that I moved to the city of London in Britain, 1993, with my family, and we've lived there since then.

Thanks! Goodbye!

# Notes

- ✓ These videos were unscripted. The speakers are communicating in Standard Arabic, meaning that they may hesitate or pronounce something in a more spoken way occasionally.
- ✓ You can add the appropriate part of كان in front of a present verb to create the meaning of *used to*:

يعمل *he works*

كان يعمل *he used to work*

لا تعمل *she doesn't work*

كانت لا تعمل *she didn't (use to) work*

See transcript.

Answers to Extension activity

to Dubai, and in 1993 she moved to London.

3 Her father was an army officer; her mother was a housewife. 4 In 1988 she moved from Cairo

1 She lives in London with her daughter and husband. 2 In the city of Cairo [in Egypt].

Answers to comprehension questions

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