

## UNIT 2 &gt;&gt;&gt; Home and away

- 1 Would you like to move to another country with your family? Can you imagine some of the problems you might have?
- 2 Read the texts quickly. Whose mother and father are from two different countries?

**A** **Zak Collins:** *'An American in Tokyo'*

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It's our third week in Japan and I've got a lot to tell you! Our new home is an apartment in Tokyo. It's much smaller than our house in Texas, but it's on the 8th floor, so we've got a great view of the city. I miss our garden and my dog, Max, though. School here is very different from school in the USA. We don't just have lessons – we do jobs at school like cleaning the classroom (yes, really!). We also have school on Saturdays! 😞 It isn't all bad, though. Tokyo is a really cool city with great shops and its own Disneyland. We're going on Sunday! 😊

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| <b>Name:</b>     | Laura Fernandes  |
| <b>Age:</b>      | 15   |
| <b>From:</b>     | Aberdeen, Scotland   |
| <b>Home:</b>     | three-bedroom house in Rio, Brazil   |
| <b>Family:</b>   | Mum – Anne (Scottish), Dad – Gabriel (Brazilian), sister – Cristina, 12 (she's half Scottish and half Brazilian like me!), grandparents (they live in Scotland, but we keep in touch on Skype) |
| <b>Pets:</b>     | cat, Feliz (his name means 'happy' in Portuguese!)   |
| <b>Likes:</b>    | Hanging out with my friends at Copacabana Beach!   |
| <b>Dislikes:</b> | Getting up in the morning! In Brazil school starts at 7am and I get up at 6am every day!   |

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Meera's Diary

PRIVATE – DO NOT READ!

19th February

We're having a big party tomorrow and all my Indian uncles, aunts and cousins are coming. Stacey and her parents are coming too. They're Canadian, but fortunately they love Indian food (and we're cooking a LOT of food!).

Our house is very busy at the moment. Karim's playing loud Bollywood music in his bedroom and Saniya and Madhu are dancing. Mum and Grandma are arguing in the kitchen and my Aunt Harita is making tea for everyone. I'm sure Stacey's house is never like this, but she loves coming to my house. She hasn't got any brothers and sisters and she thinks my family's cool! She gets on well with everyone (even with Grandma – and she doesn't speak English).

I can't write any more now because Mum wants me to vacuum the living room. Why do I get all the boring jobs?!

**3 Now read the texts again in more detail and answer the questions.**

- 1 What does Zak like about his apartment in Tokyo?
  - 2 Whose grandparents live in a different country?
  - 3 In which country do pupils go to school six days a week?
  - 4 What doesn't Meera want to do?
  - 5 Whose pet isn't living with him/her at the moment?
  - 6 What can't Meera's grandmother do?
  - 7 Where does Laura enjoy going?
  - 8 Who do you think Karim is?
- 4 a Do you think teenagers in your country have a good lifestyle? Why?/Why not?**

- b What do you like and dislike about your daily routine?**