

1 Read the questions.

- 1 What do you do?
- 2 Where are you from?
- 3 Do you like the countryside?
- 4 How often do friends visit you?
- 5 Do you like living here?
- 6 What can visitors do in Norwich?

2 Read the article. Match the journalist's questions (in exercise 1) and Ben Jacobs' answers. There is one extra question.

We moved here

Continuing our monthly interviews with people who come to live in Britain. This month we spoke to **Ben Jacobs** in Norwich.

I I'M DUTCH – I'M FROM HOLLAND. Inge, my wife, is from Switzerland. We met four years ago when we were both studying Spanish in Madrid. We graduated three years ago and then we got married.'

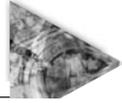
'Six months after we got married, I got a job at UEA – the University of East Anglia – here in Norwich. At that time, Inge was working as a translator but she didn't like it very much. Now she teaches modern languages in a high school. It's hard work but she enjoys it.'

'Some people think the country around Norwich is boring because it's very flat with lots of rivers. I like it because it looks like home – the fields look the same as the ones in the old Dutch paintings. Inge doesn't mind it but she prefers mountains. The North Sea is only forty kilometres away so it doesn't take a long time to drive there. The sea is always freezing – I went swimming once last year but

I don't think I'll do it again! Our favourite place for a weekend away is a small town on the coast, Southwold.'

'The city of Norwich is great – there are lots of things to do and the history is interesting too. I found out that Dutch immigrants came here in the 16th century so I'm not alone. There is a beautiful cathedral next to the river and a museum in the castle in the centre of the city. Inge loves sport and goes to watch the local football team when they play in Norwich. Last summer, she started playing tennis. That's where she is today – she's playing tennis with her friends from work.'

'When we first came here, we thought we were in the wrong country! We both spoke good English but we couldn't understand what people were saying! The accent in Norwich is unusual but now it isn't a problem. We both think the people are friendly but the sense of humour is strange. Sometimes the people that I work with laugh about something and I can't understand why it's funny.'



3 Are these sentences true (T) or false (F)? Correct the false sentences.

- 1 Ben and Inge are from Switzerland.
- 2 They moved to Norwich because Ben had a new job.
- 3 Inge is a translator.
- 4 Inge likes her job.
- 5 Ben comes from a flat country.
- 6 Inge hates the flat countryside.
- 7 Norwich has got a football team.
- 8 Inge played tennis in Switzerland.
- 9 They couldn't speak English when they arrived in Norwich.
- 10 Ben can't understand what people say.

Vocabulary

4 Find words or phrases in the article that mean:

- 1 finished university (paragraph 1)
- 2 to like one thing more than another (paragraph 3)
- 3 to travel by car (paragraph 3)
- 4 very cold (paragraph 3)
- 5 the land next to the sea (paragraph 3)
- 6 to learn something new (paragraph 4)
- 7 people who come to live in another country (paragraph 4)
- 8 very pretty (paragraph 4)
- 9 local pronunciation (paragraph 5)
- 10 what makes people laugh (paragraph 5)

5 Are the words you found in exercise 4 nouns, verbs, or adjectives?

Roleplay

6 Work with a partner.

Student A

You are the journalist. Ask Inge the questions. Add two questions of your own.

Student B

You are Inge. Use the information in the article and your own ideas to answer the questions.