

- 6 APPLY** Use the dramatic present of the verbs in the box to complete the anecdote. You will use some words more than once and more than one word may fit in some blanks.

be	come	feel	get	happen
have	learn	not speak	realize	speak
start	tell	try	want	

This story ¹ back when I ² in my early thirties. My husband ³ a job for one year as a researcher at a large university in Shanghai, China. I ⁴ very nervous about the move because I've never lived abroad before. I ⁵ the language, and I ⁶ no experience living in a big city.

For the first few weeks after we arrive, I ⁷ to stay calm for my husband, but all I really ⁸ to do is go home! But after a few months, I ⁹ some Chinese, and every day I ¹⁰ more about the culture. I ¹¹ comfortable, and I ¹² to enjoy the international city lifestyle. I ¹³ I may actually be a city person!

Finally, the time ¹⁴ to return to the United States, and my husband ¹⁵ ready to come home, but I ¹⁶ him I wish we could stay another year!

- 8 VOCABULARY** Match the words and phrases from the text to their definitions.

1 citizenship		5 interaction	
2 civilization		6 significance	
3 conservative		7 unacceptable	
4 foster			

- a a state of human society that is very developed and organized
- b the act of communicating with somebody, especially while you work, play, or spend time with them
- c the importance of something, especially when this has an effect on what happens in the future
- d the legal right to belong to a particular country
- e opposed to great or sudden social change; showing that you prefer traditional styles and values
- f cannot be accepted, approved, or allowed
- g help something to develop