

1966: Born in Russia

Education: 14 years of education ending with an engineering degree

1986- 2002 Works as a metallurgical engineer in a large steel processing plant in Siberia, Russia.

5/02: Arrives in the U.S. (Portland) with her husband and two daughters.
(Link to 4_8_03 firstday.pdf)

6/02: enrolls in the lowest level of ESL (level A) at Portland Community College
9/02: stays a second term in level A.

1/03 to 3/03: 3rd term of ESL (level B All Skills and Intermediate Listening Speaking)

1st interview (1-03)
-unemployed, seeking work
Goals: to learn English

4/03-6/03 4th term in ESL (level B All Skills)

Summer 2003- 5th term (level B All Skills) Decided to stay in level B against teacher's advice to move to level C (LT1 clip).

9/03-12/03 6th term in ESL level C All Skills
Leaves after a few weeks due to her pregnancy

2nd interview: (8-04)
-unemployed, not looking for work
goals: improve basic skills
talk to my children's teachers
help my children with homework
-Met with tutor one hour a week.

3rd interview: (3-05)
-unemployed, not looking for work
Goals: become a citizen
talk to my children's teachers
help my children with homework
To better communicate with people in stores
To attend citizenship classes

4th interview: (3-06)
Goals: take care of the children
Learn English to help children with homework and to better communicate with people
Watch the news for English improvement