



Coming to Norway

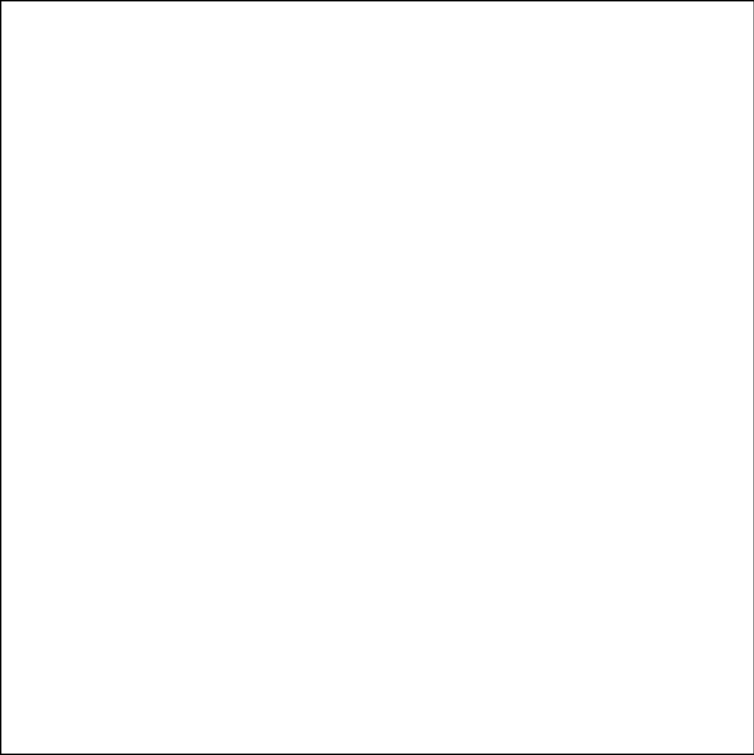
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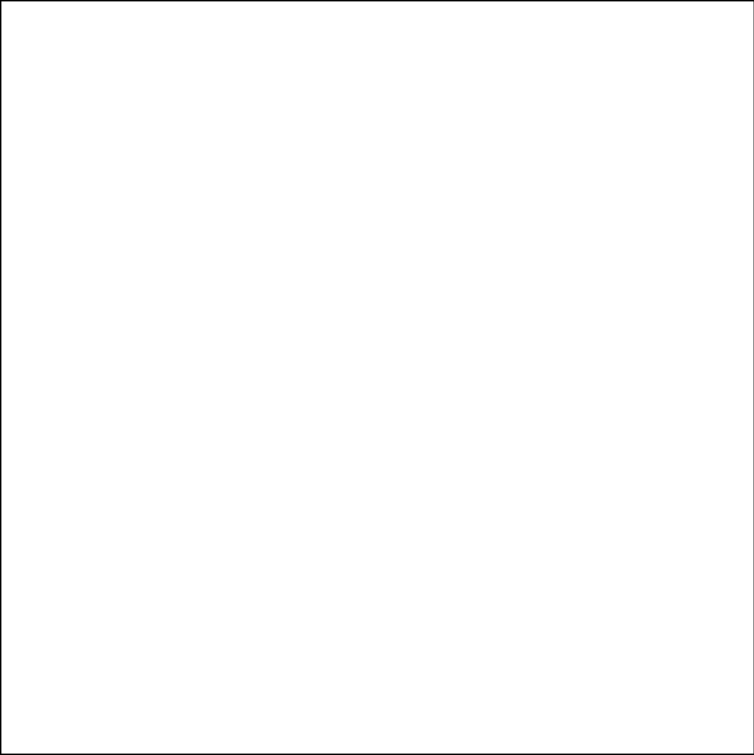
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My two brothers and I came to Norway in December 2016. We wore summer clothes because we thought it would be as warm in Norway as it was in Somalia. However, when we arrived at the airport, it was snowing. We were cold and the weather was chilly. Although we had brought a few suitcases, they only had summer clothes in them.

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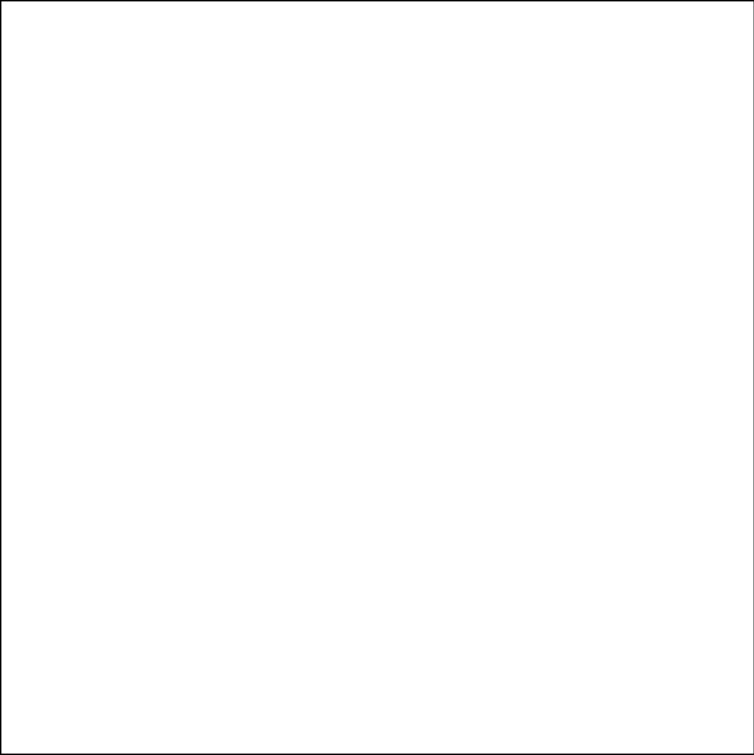
De to brødrene mine og jeg kom til Norge i desember 2016. Vi hadde på oss sommerklær fordi vi trodde det ville være like varmt i Norge som i Somalia. Men da vi kom til flyplassen, snødde det. Vi frøs og været var kaldt. Selv om vi hadde med oss noen koffertter, inneholdt de bare sommerklær.



Even though it was cold, I was very happy when we came to Norway. I would finally meet my mum again, whom I had not seen for six years. My mum and two of her friends met us. When we saw her, we wept with joy. We drove to the small town where Mum lives.

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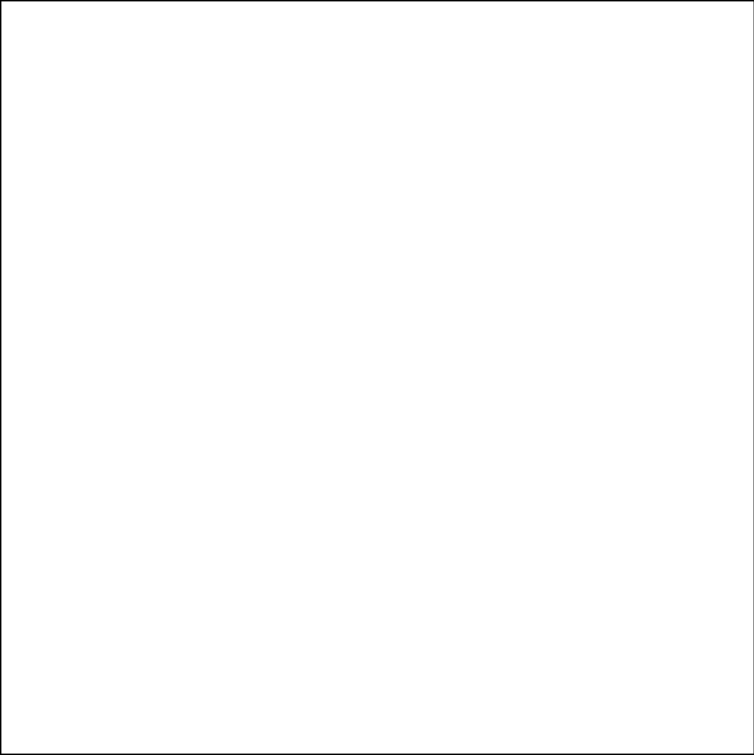
Selv om det var kaldt, var jeg veldig glad da vi kom til Norge. Jeg kunne endelig møte mamma igjen, som jeg ikke hadde sett på seks år. Mamma og to av venninnene hennes møtte oss. Da vi møtte mamma igjen, gråt vi av glede. Mamma bor i en liten by, så vi kjørte dit.



The first days in Mum's town were very strange. It was cold and snowy and there was not much to see. The streets were completely empty. The few people I met seemed cold and unfriendly. In Somalia there were people everywhere, so everything felt unfamiliar here. My mum and her friends gave us some presents, and then she took us to buy winter clothes.

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De første dagene i mammas by var veldig merkelige. Det var kaldt, det snødde og det var lite å se. Gatene var helt folketomme. De få personene jeg møtte, virket kalde og uvennlige. I Somalia er det folk overalt, så alt føltes uvant her. Mammaen min og venninnene hennes ga oss gaver, og hun tok oss med for å kjøpe vinterklær.



After the Christmas holidays I joined a Norwegian course at the adult education centre. I studied there for two years before starting in an ordinary school. Now I am in my final year, and I have made many new friends. I am very sociable and enjoy meeting other people.

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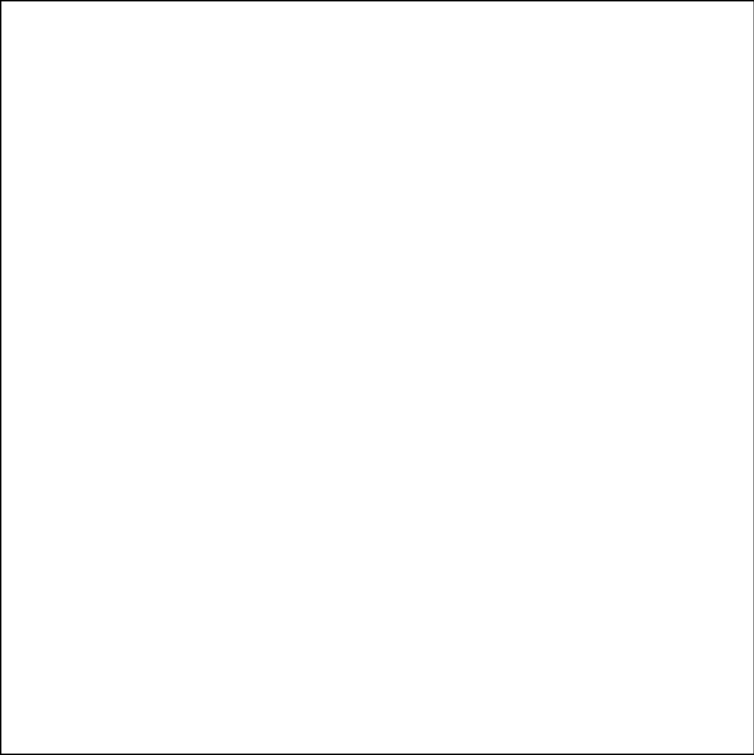
Etter juleferien begynte jeg på norskkurs på voksenopplæringscenteret. Jeg gikk der i to år før jeg begynte på en vanlig skole. Nå går jeg siste året, og jeg har fått mange nye venner. Jeg er veldig sosial og jeg er glad i å møte andre.



After school I go to a centre run by volunteers where I get help with my homework. I have also joined a sewing course at the centre.

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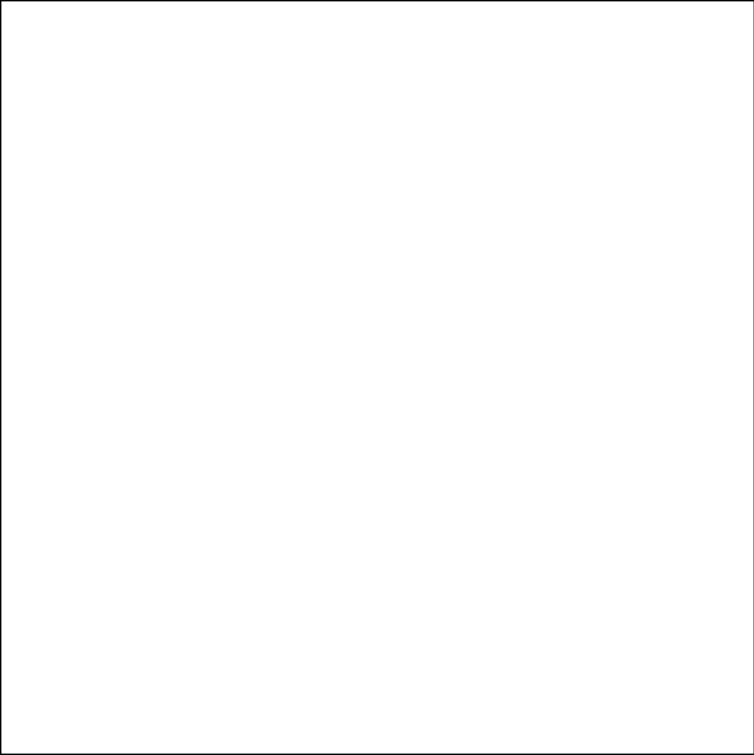
Etter skolen drar jeg til Frivilligsentralen for å få hjelp med leksene. Jeg har også begynt på et sykurs der.



In Somalia I never went to school or did any courses except Quran school. I did not know how to read or write. Now I have learned how to write in both Somali and Norwegian, and many other subjects. Without education I felt I was nobody. Now I feel knowledgeable and happy.

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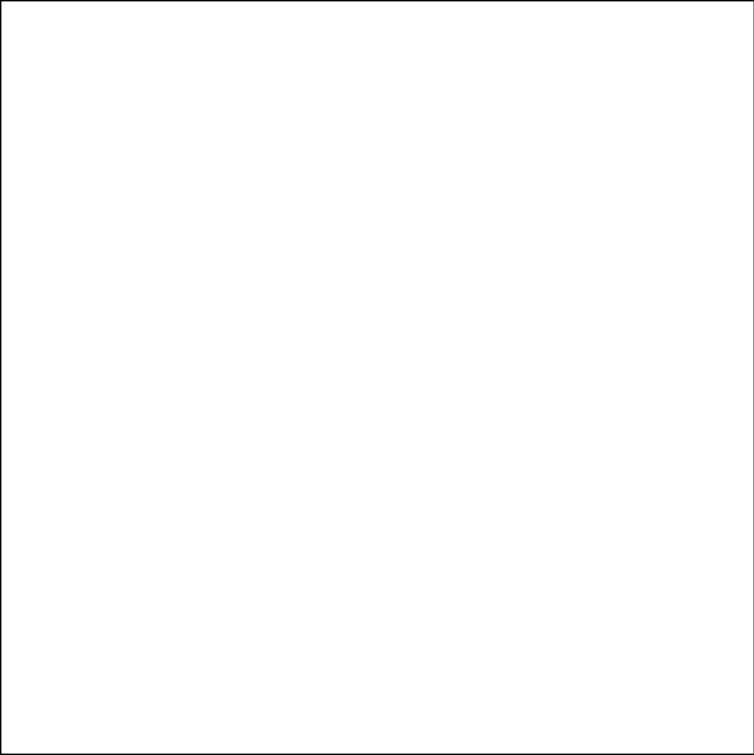
I Somalia fikk jeg aldri mulighet til å gå på skole eller ta et kurs, bortsett fra koranskole. Jeg kunne ikke lese eller skrive. Nå har jeg lært å skrive på både somali og norsk, og mange andre fag. Uten utdanning følte jeg at jeg ikke var noen. Nå føler jeg meg kunnskapsrik og glad.



Next year I will start secondary school in the health and youth development section. In the future I want to become a youth worker. When I have finished my education, my dream is to get a permanent job. I also want to learn how to drive and get my driver's licence.

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Neste år skal jeg begynne på helse- og oppvekstfag på videregående skole. I framtiden vil jeg bli barne- og ungdomsarbeider. Når jeg er ferdig med utdanningen min, drømmer jeg om å få meg en fast jobb. Jeg vil også lære å kjøre bil og ta førerkort.



If I had stayed in Somalia, I think I would have been a mother by now. Perhaps I would already have many children. If I had been in Somalia, I would not have had the same opportunities as I have had now. I feel lucky to live in Norway.

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Hvis jeg fremdeles hadde bodd i Somalia, hadde jeg kanskje vært mor nå. Kanskje jeg hadde fått mange barn allerede. Hvis jeg hadde vært i Somalia, ville jeg ikke hatt de samme mulighetene som jeg har fått nå. Jeg føler meg heldig som bor i Norge.



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