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Recording starts mid-sentence.

M: ...really good in my letter. So by yes this you can. Erm. My name is Mariana. I am from Spain, from the north of Spain something there like the back. [*laughing*] I came here, well, I came to Marlo, that is a small village half an hour from London in 2013 and from there I've been working in Manchester, Oxford. Well a small village close to Oxford, Brighton and later in 2014 in Edinburgh finally. Since 2014 I am living in Edinburgh, I move here to the UK because the jobs in Spain is not really good, the jobs I mean they're not really... I would like to focus on administration role, actually I'm going to start to work for the NHS but erm since I came here I was studying here. I have my background in Spain also in terms of the studies and work experience in administration but to start to work here as administrator I was studying at Edinburgh College attend the administration and information technology and I finish, actually I finish two years ago but right now I am studying national six in English ESCOL at Edinburgh College as well. I am not working since three years ago because I had a three years old baby. [*laughing*] And yeah, this is why I am here since that time. I am separated, his father is Spanish as well from the north as well but not in my county. In a county close to mine and yeah I am living here in Edinburgh with my son. His father is living close to here and I came here before the Brexit. For me right now because the Brexit is so annoying I can't understand properly I'm going to stick behind my experience right?

LR: Yeah exactly yeah.

M: But I would like to start with the lockdown. Yeah.

LR: Can we actually look at your artwork and then we can? I've got it here we can.

CH: It's ok Lucia I can sort it.

LR: You can try but I've got it if you want Charlie.

CH: Yeah you do it.

LR: Ok. There it is.

M: Yes, that one. [*laughing*] I did it all in one piece of paper because that things for me are really relevant right. Lockdown, well, if you have children it's really difficult to really have a lockdown time because children, well... I am a speaking because of my son. When we were behind lockdown he was one year and a half, almost two and just like he told me mummy I would like to go to the slide, I would like to go outside, why don't we go outside etcetera. So keep one children, one child or the children, into the house is really difficult because the activities are done and all the time in front of the TV is not right. So yeah, it was good here in the UK we can be outside one hour per day behind the laws. So every day one hour at least we went outside, just only to walk around because you don't understand and well we were scared just in case because we didn't know in the beginning about what is happening. So just only we were walking around the street, around the house and yeah, this hour was amazing for us, especially for my son and that yeah I would like to express this in the picture, the slides on the things that he could play with. On the right and the middle yeah, well... It is me, my son and well his father when he came to visit us because we were allowed to have one person at least from the same household. He's living in another flat close to here so I think we are allowed to be in my flat. He can be in my flat as well as the baby can be in his flat. So because that way the picture is with three people there, through the window and I put this like a cloud, a pink cloud because yeah the lockdown

it was horrible because the situation but well sometimes we were looking at the sky, thinking about we were speaking my son and I about why there is a... Well we were speaking about an animal because he doesn't know what this is this virus.

LR: Mmhm.

CH: What is?

M: A virus, Corona virus?

CH: Oh virus ok.

M: Yeah virus, so how can I explain a small baby what is a virus right? Just said to him it's a small animal, that he understood that when the small animal is outside we can't go out, because of that we were outside one hour because the small animal wasn't there. *[laughing]* It's a small book, I tried to give him the explanation because the small animal is not outside one hour we can go out. *[laughing]* It's funny for him, it's not sad. *[laughing]*

LR: It's cute!

M: Yeah we were playing, when it's not there outside we can go there and later on we have to return such as peek a boo. *[laughing]* It's funny for them.

LR: Yeah it's a good way of putting it to a child.

M: Yeah, and the mask I tried to. Well that is not my best but my son didn't use the face masks so I saw plenty of them with different pictures in them so I tried to put this one because it's funny to protect yourself with draws into the face mask. I'm not boring, they are such as clown. So yeah, it's funny as well. I just focus on make this funny for the children and the rainbow means that in every windows that I was checking when I was outside I saw a rainbow that was drawn for children.

LR: The rainbow you mean this one?

M: Yes, I haven't got different colours so I just use only blue but it looks like a rainbow.

LR: Yes, yes it does.

M: More or less. *[laughing]*

LR: No it does, I thought it was a rainbow but I wasn't sure.

M: Yes. So this rainbow I saw plenty of them through the windows outside and it's really a icon or a symbol for the lockdown because children were just thinking about hope, about safe, be safe with the rainbow. So in my opinion it's an icon or from the lockdown. So that I tried to representative this one into the paper and for me this was the lockdown, with a tale. Just trying to do my best to keep him happy and different but not boring the life, just in this way. For me it was good because we were, I am a family person so I tried to keep this to my son and do the lockdown happy for him.

LR: But how were you feeling though? You said before that it was quite hard in a way.

M: I felt scared because I didn't know about what is happening outside or how we are going to manage this situation but the scared was only for me because I said, if I trust this feeling to my son we are going to be not right so make his world happy. Make his time fantastic, just only yeah, speaking about what is happening outside in a funny way, because the small animal I mean and yeah going out for walk, just only one hour, clap when I go clap clap. It means all the people went out in 8 in the afternoon or 6 I don't remember right now to clap the NHS people because they did a really good job. I would like to represent that as well because to only represent the NHS as well doing that.

CH: What's happening with your family in Spain at this time?

M: Well in Spain was really difficult in there. Here because for me it will behind my experience. Be outside one hour it was really really, I mean, good for our health, mental health in especial but in Spain they were all together at all the times at home. They couldn't go outside because the Police were over the streets, they are checking people are not outside the homes. Just only the people with dogs. Just only for a short time. People were crazy at home at all the times. I remember they were playing from one windows to the other with the neighbours so it's really hard indeed because we were lucky because one hour at least was really good especially if you had children at home. So in Spain (makes pfft sound). Really hard, really hard people at home they were just with ideas trying to, all the time into talk with the social media internet and theses things to spend the time because yeah. I was speaking with friends and family there and they were all the time at home. *[sigh]* It was really really hard. Yeah... it was really hard indeed. So the difference is really massive between Spain and the UK, especially Edinburgh. That was the place that I was...

LR: You said you were scared yourself here during lockdown but were you scared for your relatives in Spain as well?

M: For all, because I have family there, I have friends there so I am alone here with my son. I don't know how can I manage this situation. We had one hour to go outside but it was safe. I mean I was thinking about if safe if we are outside because we don't know what is happening, how we can... If we told anything it's you don't know, especially the children because my son is all the time with his fingers in his mouth.

LR: Yes of course.

M And he was touching because one year and a half just only all the time he's touching everything and yeah, plenty of virus and you don't know. Also because in Spain people couldn't do their lives, the police were all the time everywhere and it was, yes, scary. They suffer this situation harder than us.

LR: Yeah, same in Italy. People could not go out almost at all.

CH: Did you feel kind of, what was your mood with not being able to go to Spain or see your family or?

M: I was really brave because it is started in 2019 I think March.

LR: 2020.

M: 2020 yes, so in March 2020 yes. In 19' it was.

LR: No, the sense of time I know. The sense of time is really strange during lockdown but it did start in March 2020.

M: Because I changed the college from campus to do it at home in 2019 because that I am telling you... well the point is in 2020 I fly to Spain with my son in August in the middle of the pandemic because my mum couldn't see him since one year and a half and I say well, I'm going to do it, just only for four days and I did it and nothing happened so fingers crossed that's good. [laughing] I wasn't scared in that time but later on yes and I just encourage my mum to come here and she couldn't because there people were more uncomfortable than here so they were more scared than us. So I fly to Spain to see them, how they were doing and I think it was harder for them than for us.

LR: In the summer 2020 how was Spain. I remember in the summer 2020 in most of southern Europe the situation was better.

M: The vaccination wasn't there yet.

LR: No but the situation was a bit better because I don't know because? No?

M: No the rules and all the things were after that time. In that time there were all in the wind. There weren't any rule to do such as facemasks or covid passport or anything like that. It was just only, well people were outside. Just only, so all the things were as normal but later on the rules changed because the situation were worse but that time were such as transaction from people were inside to people were outside. In that time I flyed because I thought maybe they finish it right now but not. [laughing] So for me it was not really hard but I tried to do my best with my son. Trying to explain him such as a story or yeah, we are reading every night a book to go to sleep and he told me during that time that if I can explain him during the night what is happening with the small animal. [laughing] So my imagination was really massive because every single night I imagine what new story for him with the small animal. [laughing] So yeah for him it was funny but for me it was hard.

CH: When you went to Spain and you said you were brave, what was your kind of mood? You know this kind of braveness, how do you describe that?

M: If you mean the people there?

CH: No you getting on a plane and taking your son you know. You said that was kind of brave? How did you feel at that point? Why did you feel you had to do it?

M: I had mixed feelings. I felt strange because every people were, especially in Spain were in the distance so during, when I was in the Airport here, people were more or less right in terms of go in their way but when I went to the plane it was just only me and a couple of people more so it wasn't plenty so I was alright because I felt safe. When I arrived to Spain people were scared if you were close to them, I felt more scared than here. People were in a totally misunderstanding, they didn't understand how they have to manage this situation especially with people abroad and also people that are normally... because it's really strange. I saw when I was there, friends or families that were apart one from the other one year and they have to meet each other how they can do it? They can give keys, they can do a hug or how they can do it? They are friends before, they were friends and they are and they are family as well so it's really good that I can go there and give you a gift or not because the virus. So it was really tricky and I just only was taking day by day. When I have there my mum obviously my mum gave me a hug and a kiss because she told me I am your mum so doesn't matter if you are abroad [laughing] but the family sometimes I mean... They didn't do it, it's only with the hand hello how are you. They were scared so yes, only they tell me what I would like to do. If they tell me I can give them a kiss I did it, if they told me don't do it I didn't do it so I was expecting what they want that I would like to do if I travel there.

LR: Can we go back to the picture because you described this part and then there's much more to the picture so I would like to hear what...

M: Yes, I think the pandemic is behind my experience all done there. I focus on the pandemic and tried to give my best to my son. Going outside, playing, giving him funny stories about the small animal *[laughing]* and that's it. That's it for me. In the other part eh, I am really angry *[laughing]* because... because... right. I'm going to explain first my picture. On the right side I would like to do the flag, the European flag as a representation of all the European countries right and on the left, UK but divided in Scotland and England. In England there is a happy person but in Scotland there is a sad person. Why I did it, and a line that crossing both such as separation because of Brexit. In my opinion or behind my opinion and my experience I think just only would like the Brexit is the British people right? Because that I put a happy person in England because behind my opinion the people that are around me, we are not happy to go outside from the European Union. I think right now if people would like to have a referendum, a second one in Scotland and return to the European Union. This is my think, or my point of view because Scotland doesn't want to go outside from the European Union, they almost. I am not saying every people of course but I'm saying almost I think yes but not the British people so yeah. Scottish people in general are sad behind my opinion. British people is happy because they want to be independence. *[laughing]*

LR: How do you feel as a European in Scotland?

M: To be honest I feel more from Scotland than European.

LR: Oh you do, more Scottish than European. Ok that's interesting.

M: I feel here, such as my birth of place.

LR: Ok that's interesting.

M: I am from Spain of course, I born there but I feel here, my son born here so right now I feel here, more comfortable than in Spain.

CH: Why is that?

M: But that is for another study! *[laughing]*

LR: Can we ask why?

M: Why? Because to have here a son or a child or children is much better than in Spain. You can study and the government pays you the nursery for example. You can do things and your son always going to have all that they need.

LR: What here you mean in Scotland?

M: In Scotland. In Spain if you haven't got family you have to work as well as care your child but here if you are doing your best in terms of work or try to find a job... I was doing interviews from one year for the NHS, average two or three weekly since one year and finally I have one in December that I will start in February for the NHS and for me was just a job and my son was covered. So I couldn't do this in Spain when I was working there.

LR: What do you mean he will be covered?

M: Because he can go the nursery where since he was born because I was studying. I was a single mum so when he was two years old he had nursery as well. The free nursery from three years old and older so he had nursery and I was studying with forty five years old. So in Spain you can't and here you have the option to do it. So I did all my diplomas, are done here because he was covered.

CH: Can you tell us how you felt about Brexit?

M: How I feel? I feel sad because we can't be nearer independence in terms of money, in terms of jobs, for example because of Brexit, all the supermarkets are not really good with the items. We haven't got enough items because they haven't got enough people to put the people to put the items into the sale into the fields so they couldn't cover actually... Today supermarkets need people to work on there because every people that are not from here were returned to the countries so behind my opinion and behind my experience the hospitality field are almost done for foreign people. Foreign people are working in this kind of jobs right now but because of Brexit they return to their countries because they pre-settled and settled status. They couldn't have the almost, because they couldn't be here more than three years old so they return to their countries and yeah, there are plenty of vacancies in this area because people return and it's really sad. It's really sad in my opinion. Right now today I read a new in the newspaper about the jobseekers must to apply for another jobs that are not the ones that they are applying for as a normal because if they are not doing they are going to have a benefit cuts. Well, all of this of this is because Brexit. So if the Brexit exits, then people go out then you have deficit because the people are not working in this kind of jobs. We have a problem.

CH: Mhmm. Did you apply for the EU settlement scheme?

M: Yeah I have the settle.

CH: Ok. How did you feel about doing that?

M: Well I feel that I am part of here. I mean I always felt like that. When I came in 2013 to Marlo I said to my mum, I'm going to finish my, I'm going to live in the end, in Edinburgh. I didn't know about that but I felt that I'm going to live here in the end and she tell me why are you telling me that? I said I don't know but I am going to finish my life in Edinburgh. [laughing] So yeah I feel comfortable here, I feel part of here. My son born here three years ago, three years and a half. So I feel really really as a part of this country.

LR: So did you meet your sons father in Scotland?

M: My son's what sorry?

LR: Father in Scotland so you said...

M: I met his father by Facebook. [laughing] After one year and a half, again 2015 he came here to live with me. To be honest he doesn't speak English. He came here in 2015 and he's working since that time and always he didn't stop it since 2015 and he's not speaking English. He doesn't. He can't speak English he's too lazy [laughing] but he's working as a kitchen porter since that time! So in Spain before came here he was for years without any job without any opportunity. The same like me before I came here so this is for me, here the people that are not working is because they don't want to work because the example is my ex-husband. He's not speaking English but he's working since 2015 since he came here to live. So this is the point. In Spain we couldn't have this opportunity.

LR: So you don't miss Spain at all?

M: Well I have my family and friends there but it's really strange to go there because the holidays. It's really strange so when I am there more than ten days I am thinking well I would like to go to my home.

LR: Did Brexit make it more difficult? Did Brexit affect your ability to go back and forward from Spain or how do you feel about it?

M: Ummm... Well. There are things difficult in Spain but not because of Brexit. The Brexit is difficult here, not in Spain because Spain is part of the European Union. The difficult is here, I feel with the Brexit that we are alone. We haven't got the opportunity to grow in terms of yeah, be part of the European Union or be part of the world. I think we are alone. I just only think of the referendum. [laughing]

LR: Ok. Do you think there will be another one?

M: I think so because I hear that Nicola Sturgeon is gonna' do another one, I don't know when.

LR: For independence ok.

M: If this happen, England is going to pray to return to the European Union. [laughing]

LR: You're optimistic about that.

M: Well it's my opinion and I put war in the middle of the page because this is part of the world. All these things are international as well because Brexit was here in all the world. I mean every people know about what is Brexit an the pandemia as well so.

LR: So did your life change at all because of Brexit? Do you see any effects?

M: Just only because before the Brexit when I used to travel I used the ID card from Spain and right now I have to use the other passport. So that's only because that. I don't think that effect on me because I have the settled status and my son born here, my son actually is British. He has the citizen certificate and in the future I would like to do the exam for be a British citizen as well but it's too expensive. At least one thousand five hundred pounds.

CH: For your son to get a British passport?

M: Yes, but I have difficulties to have it because I didn't work. So you have to be here five years before he born right and this five years working and I couldn't work two months. So because I couldn't work two months I paid one thousand three hundred pounds. So because I didn't have this two months he hadn't got the British passport but if I pay he will have the British passport so I pay and he has it but this is not fair. So if I pay he's going to have it and I had more than five years before he does.

CH: I would have thought because he was born in the UK then he would have automatically?

M: No no no. You must to work these five years before he born or pay one thousand pounds.

LR: It's really unfair.

M: It's not fair.

LR: No it's not fair, it's really unfair.

M: I can understand in my situation because I am not from here and I am over eighteen and I have to pass an exam and pay, well that's fine I understand but he born here!

LR: I thought he would have had an automatic right to have a British passport.

M: It's not in that way. If you don't work, whole five years before he born.

LR: Before he was born I see.

M: All of them! I mean five years in total. You can't be without work one day because if not it's not going to be right.

CH: Mariana can I ask you when the Brexit referendum happened how did you feel at that time were you worried or anything like that? When you were in the UK?

M: When the Brexit happened?

CH: Yeah when it happened.

M: Uhhh to be honest I didn't understand what was that. I thought also that it was only for England so I was lost but...

LR: You wish!

M: [laughing] To be honest, well I... in my opinion nothing changed. I couldn't feel any change, just only the ones I told you right now in terms of job or terms of be independence but well... I guess only hear from the news and that's it because no I didn't feel any other change.

CH: Ok.

LR: You didn't feel any changes in the way people were treating you or interacting with you? Did anything change in your every day life, in your contacts with other people?

M: I'm going to be honest as well, foreign people in England are suffering more controversial things than in Scotland. People in Scotland are more friendly than in England so it's not a problem. It's never a problem for me treat with people here in Scotland but I was living in England and when I was new there and I asked for any street, people doesn't care they didn't. Anything they just look and they didn't tell me anything about, and here people gave me the opportunity to go to their homes for a cup of coffee and I say whaa! Really?! [laughing]

LR: So when the referendum happened you were in England?

M: No I was here.

LR: Ah you were already here.

M: I was here but the one that I told you it was before the referendum.

LR: Ok I see.

M: People in England, it doesn't matter because the Brexit. People in England was... Well the referendum for Scotland you mean? I was in England I thought you said the Brexit.

LR: No no the referendum about Brexit.

M: No I was here.

LR: Ok you were here in Scotland.

M: Yes. The referendum for Scotland I was there.

LR: So why did you go to England in the first place?

M: Because... it was really funny... because I would like to work here, I mean in..

LR: In the UK yeah.

M: The UK, but I haven't got any money, any save money. I don't know how can I say, all my gold rings...

LR: Oh yeah your jewellery.

M: Yes I just gave money for that and I pay one person for a place to give me the opportunity to work here and I came with... in Spain we say with one hand in the front and one hand in the back, without anything and I started *[laughing]* one way that was difficult in the beginning but in the end was really good because I just came here filling my heart to be honest. It was amazing. It was hard but it was amazing and I had three or four jobs before I came here and I was working in three jobs at the same time.

LR: Very tough.

M: It as hard, I only just slept daily, two hours and a half?

LR: Oh my gosh, that's really hard.

M: So, yeah. I decide when I came here and I had my son, study a lot to change my job. Not because I am not proud to be cleaner, no it's not. I am really proud to be a cleaner, it's just because in Spain I was secretary and I had really good experience working as a secretary in a town hall, in a hospital as well. So I would like to have the same experience here, I going to fight for it, I'm going to do my best to do this and finally I'm going to start in February.

CH: Can I ask you another thing? Because of Brexit now, you wouldn't be able to come necessarily to the UK, how do you feel about that?

M: This is another important thing. I would like to, when I came here I haven't got any. So I came straight away without any this or with anything that could give me not opportunities. The point is I would like to bring here one friend that she's without job but right now the company must to give her, I don't know if it's a visa, to come here and work. So the company must to do this things. Before it wasn't a problem, the same that if you want to study here you must prove that you have money to cover you from one year here so this is another as well. So before the Brexit it wasn't a problem. So you can come here and work, especially the month before you have the national insurance number, especially if you doesn't know speak English. I told you before my ex-husband but right now you must to speak English to work here. That is, this is good because it's a good point you are in England and you must to, I mean in UK, speak English because you are living in a place that people are speaking English. *[sigh]* This kind of things is really a problem that people can't come to cover all the vacancies that are free.

CH: Can you tell me as well on your drawing you've made a zig zag line.

M: In the middle?

CH: The green zig zag line.

LR: This one.

M: Yeah I told you before this is to prove that United Kingdom is outside from the European Union.

LR: It's separated from the European Union.

M: Yeah, it's outside yeah.

CH: Why did you not draw a straight line why did you draw a zig zag line?

M: Because it's break. It's break is outside, its not part of the European Union.

CH: Ok.

LR: It's not a clean line either. Yeah and it might not be deliberate but it's interesting because it looks like you know the word, word is on the side of Europe so it's almost like the UK is separated from the whole world not just only from Europe.

M: Yeah it's true, it's true. I didn't do with any other intention but yeah it's true. *[laughing]*

LR: Can I ask what are the little pom poms on the facemasks and the one on your house?

M: Because when people in during this pandemia were doing the facemasks as a home made.

LR: Oh ok yeah.

M: ... and I would like to focus on this because not me but one friend of my mum, my mum's friend did a lot of facemasks. Customise. So I would like to focus on that, people were spending time in the lockdown to doing this kind of things.

LR: Yes they were doing a whole.

M: Customising them yeah. A lot of tutorials, this lady did or was checking for do her own customise facemask.

LR: For some it's become a business actually.

M: Oh right, I didn't know that.

LR: Yeah yeah!

CH: Can I ask you what the wee blue pom pom is on the door?

M: Yeah it's because I would like to put something into the house that could make any reference but it hasn't got any other idea. Just only to ... I guess because we were outside one hour, we were all right but the other hours were really really hard. Especially with a child so I put that one because all the time I would like to open the door and my son also. When are we going to go out. So this is the locked to go out. *[laughing]* So when this door is open, you can go out. So it was a really good important thing during the lockdown because he would all the time try and open the door. Let's go and have a walk! No because the small animal is outside. Oh my god but I would like to go outside. So because that I put that.

LR: Did your son ever ask you what this animal looks like?

M: No because maybe in his imagination he was thinking about it but never ask me how this look like and I didn't know him what it looks like because maybe he is scared and I said well you can imagine that you want with a big nose with a big ears or whatever I don't mind. *[laughing]*

CH: What are the green spot? What's that?

M: I can't see where... you mean on the right? Oh. Ah that one. It refers to the garden, the people with houses, they had a garden to children play.

CH: Ok.

LR: Yes ok.

CH: And why did you make the D for the world red?

M: Because I couldn't see the D into the

LR: Yeah it's random, the letters we put in the art pack is totally random.

M: *[laughing]* and I say well I see world and I say world. *[laughing]*

CH: Sorry I've got another question. You said a lot of people went back to left the UK and Scotland back to Europe. Do you know any people who went back to Spain or Europe?

M: Yes. I know plenty of people. Around me I have a Spanish group that are a Spanish mummy here. At least since 2019 that, well, I said that this is started. Five mummies returned to Spain and from the nursery, my sons nursery it was a Spanish lady working there as a teacher and she returned to Spain because the pandemic as well. So yeah, and also my ex-husband has people from other parts of... they are not from Spain for example for Poland or also for Portugal and they returned to their countries as well so yeah. It's really sad because they had job here but because the families, because they would like to be close to there they found job in their countries or just only they want to return there.

CH: Was that because of Covid or both Covid and Brexit or?

M: Because the Brexit. Well Covid as well but both of them to be honest but because the Brexit they returned because they were almost less than five years to have the settled status.

CH: Do you think they'll come back or?

M: Well, we will see I don't know. I am in contact with a few of them and two of them told me that no because they are right there because they found job and they are close to their family and finally they can be there. The other ones they don't know, such as the situation now.

CH: ok.

LR: Yeah. Oh well, that was really interesting.

CH: Mariana if you know of anyone who's returned to Spain because of Covid and Brexit we might like be interested in interviewing them?

LR: Yeah that would be good.

CH: Yeah that would be really interesting.

M: Uh I can speak with two of them yeah.

CH: *Ok that would be good. Are they in Spain?*

M: They are in Spain yeah.

CH: *Yeah that'd be good!*

M: I'm going to write their names and I'm going to ring by them and let them know.

LR: *Ok when you have time.*

CH: *Yeah you can give them the voucher for taking part. Can I ask you one last question. Obviously you speak Spanish to your son yeah?*

M: Yeah he is bigger Spanish than English. There are most of the time I have to ask him any words in Spanish that I forgot and I told him. I told him how can I say in Spanish this word and he say well mammie you are Spanish. [laughing] He's really really clever, at home we are speaking Spanish but at the nursery he is speaking English and sometimes he speaks Spanglish. [laughing]

LR: *Oh yes I can imagine.*

M: Yeah this is my son.

CH: *Oh cool.*

LR: *Oh right, cute boy! I had something else I wanted to ask you but I forgot... Oh yes are you planning to go back to Spain soon again?*

M: If you asking me to live there, no.

LR: *To visit.*

M: Well... not at the moment because I'm going to start to work in February, in the end of February but my mum is going to come the 13 of February for one week to start with the potty training. [laughing]

LR: *Oh yes!*

M: Because I can't do it alone.

LR: *Yeah good, it will be nice to have your mum here.*

M: My mum is coming more than me to go there.

LR: *Yeah I can imagine but did you have any worries, were you all ok because your mum is probably elderly? Did you have worries about their health?*

M: My mum is seventeen years older than me. [laughing]

LR: *So you didn't have particular worries about people being ill there?*

M: No because I haven't got dad, my mum is not older is actually 64 years old.

LR: *Oh she's not old at all.*

M: No it's not so I'm not scared because she's older because the corona virus no. I am not scared because of that. She's more scared than me. She's more because she's thinking and all the time checking the news on the TV and this things not right because your brain is going to all the time thinking and thinking and all the time what is happening in the world and dur dur. This is not right.

LR: Yes that's true it makes you panic. OK well thank you very much.

CH: Thank you so much.

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