

Sample Interview
(Draft)

Practice editing an interview by revising this story about Dora.

Dora Colgen thought life was quite nice when she was growing up. No one had heard of cancer or diabetes. Houses were much cheaper and everything was beautiful. You didn't see trash like you do today. You didn't have to worry about anyone hurting you. She says "It was like Heaven. Not now."

Dora was born in 1907 in Italy. Her family came here on a boat in the middle of World War I. In Italy the soldiers stayed in the big towns, so many people came to her smaller town a few miles from the sea. When the people came they ate the family's cat. They had a lot of mice and it was a terrible loss. Dora never went back to Italy. She eventually had five children of her own and never had the money to visit. When she got here she thought it was like heaven compared to Italy and the war.

As a kid Dora went to Annunciation Grade School. She says it was nice but she didn't speak English. Other kids just told her what to say. She was getting mad so she quit school. She only went for thirty days.

At home her family had a refrigerator but it did not last too long then. Milk and ice cream were delivered to the house. The family got heating when Dora was twenty. They did not have a television but Dora does not like TV anyhow.

Dora was paid fifty to sixty dollars a month at her first job. She worked putting beads and sequins on strings. Dora got married when she was seventeen.

Are the events told in a logical order?

Is the information complete?

What follow-up questions should be asked?