

# WHERE IS HOME?

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“Home” is a word associated with many aspects of the world and plays a huge role in life. Unfortunately, my parents divorced when I was young. As a result, I have moved around and lived in several different countries since I was five years old. Both my parents lived in separate countries and I had to attend different schools, studying in a foreign language that I did not know. I constantly struggled with this impractical living arrangement. No matter where I live, go to school, or celebrate holidays, I am always asked the question, “Where are you from?” I generally respond to this familiar question with the place I was born and spent the majority of my life – Brussels, Belgium. When I think about Belgium, I immediately recall the fond memories I have made with my family and friends.

Does it really matter what part of the world we come from? I don’t feel the need to explain my personal home situation anymore because I believe “home” is universal concept. No matter where you live in any part of the world, we all share the basic ingredients of what “home” means to us. Across cultures, we share, understand, and embrace the concept of “home.” We share the need for the basic essentials in life in order to survive: love, warmth, and need to feel the presence of “home.”

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