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I have moved from city to city many times.
Every time in a new city, I acquired new friends, hobbies, habits.
Now I'm building a new life in a city abroad.

I am Ukrainian because I feel connected to Ukrainian culture, history and traditions.

And I will always remain Ukrainian, wherever I am.

I am from the east of Ukraine.

My parents and their parents are russified, just like me.

My ancestors were russified by force, against their will, they were left with no choice.

As a consequence, my mother tongue is russian.

This means that it will always be easier for me to speak.

But I do not call this language native.

In Ukrainian, the words "genus" and "native" have the same root.

Native means one that belongs to your family, blood.