

Marisol is writing a paragraph about life in her home. She's using the writing process. She's *pre-writing*, *organizing ideas*, and *writing a first draft*.

## Pre-writing: Observing and Recording

me—studying English—kitchen  
son—watching TV—living room  
daughter—doing homework—bedroom  
husband—cooking dinner—kitchen  
father—reading the newspaper—living room  
mother—shopping at the supermarket  
baby—sleeping—bedroom

## Organizing Ideas

in the kitchen—me, husband  
in the living room—son, father  
in the bedroom—daughter, baby  
not home—mother



## Writing a First Draft

### Life in My Home

It's a Friday afternoon in my home. My husband and I are in the kitchen. He's cooking dinner, and I'm studying English. My son and my father are in the living room. My son is watching TV, and my father is reading the newspaper. My daughter is in her bedroom. She's doing her homework. The baby is also in her bedroom. She's sleeping. My mother isn't home. She's shopping at the supermarket.

**Write a paragraph about life in your home.**

**Pre-write:** Observe and record life at your home. Who's at home? What's each person doing? Make a list.

**Organize your ideas:** What's a good way to organize your list? By people? By actions? By rooms in the home?

**Write a first draft:** Write a paragraph about the people in your home. Who are they, where are they, and what are they doing? Indent the first line of the paragraph. Use this title: Life in My Home.