

# Family History – Grandad

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- My grandad (bapa), Nawnit Keshavbhai Mistry, was born in Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania on 11 May 1952 and is aged 72.
- He is the third child out of six with 3 sisters and 2 brothers.
- Sadly, one of his sisters died when she was only three years old.



# Growing Up

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- Growing up, he studied in Tanzania, Africa
- After moving to India he studied Gujarati.
- He had to walk to both schools and they had corporal punishment for misbehaviour and a strict rule to wear a uniform.



# Journey to the UK

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- Nawnit travelled from Tanzania to India aged 12 in 1964 where he lived for 3 years.
- He then travelled to the UK on his own, leaving his mum and siblings behind, in 1967 aged 15 and settled in Leicester with his dad.



# Favourite foods

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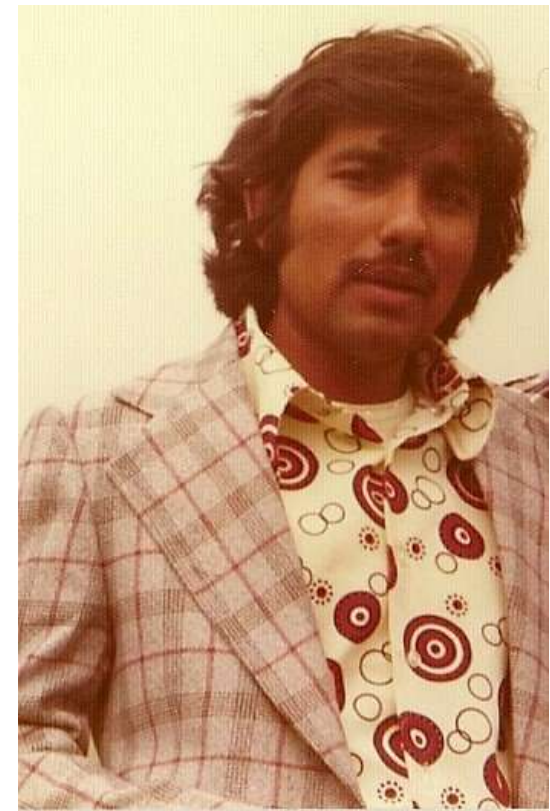
- My grandad prefers home-cooked food as he grew up eating this as restaurants weren't readily available.
- Growing up in Tanzania, he enjoyed eating tropical and exotic fruits, like mango and coconut water, which is still one of his favourite fruits today.
- His favourite dinner dish is curry and he loves chicken on Sundays and vegetables during the week.



# Clothes and appearance

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- Growing up, his favourite sport was cricket hence why he loves wearing his cricket whites. He even broke his nose when he was 25 whilst playing cricket!
- He was a teenager in the 1960s and 1970s and wore flared trousers and had long hair, big sideburns and a moustache as that was the fashion at the time.



# Career

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- His first job was as an engineering turner where you must be exceptionally skilled. The company he worked for was GE Lighting that made lightbulbs we all use today.
- He changed career to become a chemical engineer for a short while.
- Finally, before retirement, he made special camera lenses that were used for Hollywood and Bollywood movies! His company even won an Oscar for their lenses used in the movie “Hugo”.



# Travel

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- Since the age of 55, my grandad has enjoyed travelling for holidays and has seen the Egyptian pyramids, climbed a mountain to see Machu Picchu, and has been to visit the Great Wall of China which was the top of his bucket list.



# Famous people he remembers

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- He remembers the Prime Minister of India during the 60's who was Lal Bahadur Shastri because he was decisive and had a go for it attitude!



- He also fondly remembers Sunil Gavaskar – a superstar cricket player for India





# Special memories

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- One of his most vivid memories is of his journey from Dar-es-Salaam to Bombay (Mumbai) which took 15 days in extremely rough seas.
- The journey was during the rainy season and there were very high winds.
- The journey was nearly 3,000 miles long.
- On the journey everyone travelled together except my great-grandad who had to stay behind on his own.

