

Selma is originally from Turkey, but she has lived in Germany for 21 years. She always took care of her own children and stayed at home. Now her children are grown up and don't live at home anymore and she has lots of time and space in the flat. After **raising** her own kids, she thought she could also take care of other children.

After a short course she became **self-employed**. Within the first year she also had to do a longer course of 160 hours in the evenings and on Saturdays.



She speaks to them in German and Turkish. The parents appreciate that their children learn 2 languages. She hopes one day she can also take care of her grandchildren.



She takes care of up to 5 children between the age of 9 months and 3 years at the same time. They come to her flat from Monday to Friday. They play, they go outside, she cooks for them, etc.

## Glossary

- **childminder:** a person taking care of children in their own home when the parents of the children are at work
- **to raise:** to bring up children; to take care of children until they are independent
- **self-employed:** earning income from my own business