

## Chapter 1

# Lucky Donuts



Soriya is standing inside Lucky Donuts. This morning, the shop is busy. Her father, Heng, is deep-frying dough in hot oil. Her mother, Nary, is pouring a cup of black coffee for Sam, a city bus driver. Then she puts a dozen donuts into a pink box for Lilly, an office receptionist. Soriya counts eleven people sitting at tables, including Mrs. Ramos. Mrs. Ramos is at Lucky Donuts every morning. Clearly, the place is very popular.

Soriya is proud of her parents. In 1981, Heng and Nary came to the U.S. as young adult refugees from Cambodia. Life wasn't easy for them. They had to learn English and find a way to earn money. Her parents entered the donut business, and they have worked hard for many years. Now, they own the building and live in a two-bedroom apartment upstairs.

The donut business is good, but the building has serious problems. The electrical and plumbing systems are bad, and Heng and Nary need to fix them. Soriya also thinks that the shop is a little shabby. She looks at the faded orange walls and worn-out tables and chairs. "New paint and furniture will improve this place a lot," she thinks. "And they don't cost too much."



Tomorrow, Lucky Donuts will close for renovations. Heng and Nary will fly across the country and help Heng's sister. She has been sick and needs their support. So, Soriya is going to take care of everything. She is smart and responsible, and . . . nothing will go wrong.

### Answer the questions.

1. Where is Soriya standing? How is the shop this morning?
2. What is her father doing? What is her mother doing?
3. What is Sam's occupation? What does Nary put into a pink box for Lilly?
4. How many people are sitting at tables? How often is Mrs. Ramos at Lucky Donuts?
5. When did Heng and Nary come to the U.S. as young adult refugees? How was life for them?
6. What did they have to learn? What did they have to find?
7. What business did they enter? How have they worked for many years?
8. What do they own now? Where do they live?
9. What has serious problems? Which systems are bad?
10. When will Lucky Donuts close for renovations? Why will Heng and Nary fly across the country? Who is going to take care of everything?



## Complete the sentences.

apartment  
life

building  
parents

business  
refugees

English  
systems

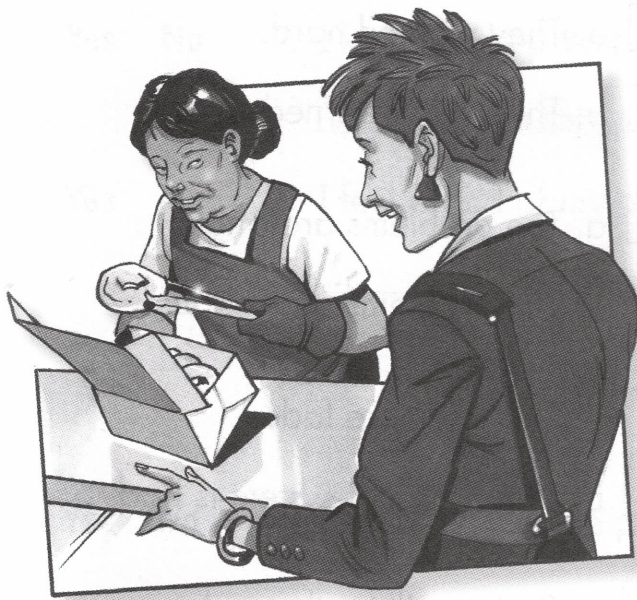
1. Soriya is proud of her \_\_\_\_\_.
2. In 1981, Heng and Nary came to the U.S. as young adult \_\_\_\_\_ from Cambodia.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ wasn't easy for them.
4. They had to learn \_\_\_\_\_ and find a way to earn money.
5. Her parents entered the donut \_\_\_\_\_, and they have worked hard for many years.
6. Now, they own the building and live in a two-bedroom \_\_\_\_\_ upstairs.
7. The donut business is good, but the \_\_\_\_\_ has serious problems.
8. The electrical and plumbing \_\_\_\_\_ are bad.

## Matching: Definitions

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| _____ 1. shabby      | a. enjoyed by many people             |
| _____ 2. responsible | b. producing electricity              |
| _____ 3. electrical  | c. less bright or colorful            |
| _____ 4. proud       | d. able to be trusted                 |
| _____ 5. faded       | e. in poor condition                  |
| _____ 6. popular     | f. pleased about someone or something |

# Talking at Lucky Donuts

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A. Good morning! May I help you?  
B. I'd like a dozen donuts, please.  
A. Sure. What kind would you like?  
B. May I have six sugar and six chocolate?  
A. Sure. I'll put them in a box for you.  
B. Thank you very much.

## Checklist

Heng and Nary's building has some serious problems. Check (✓) the things that are important for them to fix or replace. Then circle some other changes you think can improve their workplace. Write other ideas on the lines below.

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> plumbing        | <input type="checkbox"/> flooring         | <input type="checkbox"/> heating system   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> electrical work | <input type="checkbox"/> kitchen counters | <input type="checkbox"/> air conditioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> appliances      | <input type="checkbox"/> doors            | <input type="checkbox"/> lighting         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> furniture       | <input type="checkbox"/> cabinets         | <input type="checkbox"/> paint            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> windows         | <input type="checkbox"/> roof             | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape        |

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## Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

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|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> a. The shop is closed.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. The shop is busy.                          | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> a. They worked hard.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. They never earned money.                  |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Mrs. Ramos is there today.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. Mrs. Ramos isn't there today.       | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> a. The problems are small.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. The problems are serious.           |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Life was easy for them.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. Life was hard for them.                | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> a. The walls are faded.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. The electrical system is bad.          |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> a. They entered the donut<br>business.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. They returned to Cambodia. | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> a. Soriya will be there alone.<br><input type="checkbox"/> b. Soriya's parents will help her. |

## Pronunciation and Writing

Say the words from the story. Write the number of syllables in each word.  
Underline the stressed syllable.

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|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. popular _____     | 6. building _____     | 11. donuts _____    |
| 2. electrical _____  | 7. refugees _____     | 12. apartment _____ |
| 3. furniture _____   | 8. receptionist _____ | 13. systems _____   |
| 4. eleven _____      | 9. plumbing _____     | 14. Cambodia _____  |
| 5. responsible _____ | 10. renovations _____ | 15. including _____ |



## What about you?

Circle **Yes** or **No**. Then write questions and ask your partner.

**Yes**   **No**   1. I know a shop that is busy every morning.

Do you know a shop that is busy every morning?

**Yes**   **No**   2. I feel proud of my parents.

**Yes**   **No**   3. I know people who are refugees.

**Yes**   **No**   4. I need to fix some problems in my home.

**Yes**   **No**   5. I think new paint and furniture can really improve places.

## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. How can life in a new country be difficult for refugees and immigrants?
2. Do people from other countries own businesses in your community? If so, what types of businesses are they?
3. Why are renovations in homes and workplaces often expensive?