

Chapter 12 Lucky Donuts Returns



On Monday morning, the shop reopens. There is a new banner over the sign outside: "Le Petit Café & Lucky Donuts. Everyone is welcome!" There are only a few changes. The menu is different, of course. The deep fryers are in the kitchen again. And there is now one orange wall in the eating area. "It's for luck," says Nary.

"Good idea, Mom," laughs Soriya. "It certainly looks more cheerful in here."

Max and Lucie are very comfortable with the changes. "Yes, I can make a basic \$2.00 cup of coffee," laughs Max. "That's the only kind of coffee I drink." Surprisingly, Lucie is very excited about the donuts on the menu. She is also very interested in learning to make them. She is fascinated as Heng puts the rings of dough into the hot oil.

"Beautiful!" says Lucie. "Can you show me how to do that? Then I can make them when you're not here."



From 6:00 a.m. until closing time, there is a constant flow of old and new customers. There are more people than either Lucky Donuts or Le Petit Café ever had before. Fortunately, most of the orders are to go, since there are not enough café tables and chairs for everyone. By the end of the day, the shop has earned a lot more money. It will take time for the business to recover. Nevertheless, everyone feels very enthusiastic. "This time," says Heng, "changing the business model is going to work."

Answer the questions.

1. When does the shop reopen?
2. What does the new banner say?
3. What are the few changes in the shop?
4. How do Max and Lucie feel about the changes?
5. What is the only kind of coffee Max drinks?
6. What is Lucie very excited about? What is she interested in learning?
7. What is there a constant flow of from 6:00 a.m. until closing time?
8. Fortunately, what are most of the orders?
9. What has the shop earned by the end of the day?
10. What will it take time for the business to do? Nevertheless, how does everyone feel?

Complete the sentences.

banner
flow

changes
money

deep fryers
orders

dough
wall

1. There is a new _____ over the sign outside: "Le Petit Café & Lucky Donuts. Everyone is welcome!"
2. There are only a few _____. The menu is different, of course.
3. The _____ are in the kitchen again.
4. And there is now one orange _____ in the eating area.
5. Lucie is fascinated as Heng puts the rings of _____ into the hot oil.
6. From 6:00 a.m. until closing time, there is a constant _____ of old and new customers.
7. Fortunately, most of the _____ are to go, since there are not enough café tables and chairs for everyone.
8. By the end of the day, the shop has earned a lot more _____.

Matching: Definitions

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| ___ 1. basic | a. gladly admitted |
| ___ 2. comfortable | b. continuous; steady |
| ___ 3. fascinated | c. happy; joyful |
| ___ 4. cheerful | d. very interested; excited |
| ___ 5. constant | e. plain; simple |
| ___ 6. welcome | f. contented |

Talking About Donuts

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A. I'm making donuts now.
- B. Beautiful! Can you show me how to do that?
- A. Sure! First, you put the rings of dough into the deep fryer.
- B. This is fascinating! How long do they stay in the oil?
- A. About two minutes.
- B. Thanks for taking the time to show me. Then I can make them when you're not here.

Check the good ideas.

A supervisor is showing you how to do an additional job at work. Check (✓) the things that are good to do. Write other ideas on the lines below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> show interest and enthusiasm | <input type="checkbox"/> take notes so you can remember |
| <input type="checkbox"/> act bored or confused | <input type="checkbox"/> say this is not in your job description |
| <input type="checkbox"/> welcome the extra responsibility | <input type="checkbox"/> insist that you need to take a break |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ask questions for clarification | <input type="checkbox"/> mention you don't really like changes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> say you're not really interested | <input type="checkbox"/> pay close attention to the process |
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Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1. a. Everyone is welcome.
 b. Only hipsters are welcome.
2. a. There are many changes.
 b. There are only a few changes.
3. a. It's for luck.
 b. It's for Mrs. Ramos.
4. a. They still want to work there.
 b. They want to leave their jobs.
5. a. She is angry about the donuts.
 b. She is excited about the donuts.
6. a. Lucie wants to help Heng.
 b. Lucie wants Heng's job.
7. a. The shop is quieter than usual.
 b. The shop is very busy.
8. a. There are still money problems.
 b. There are no more problems.

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. constant _____ | 6. cheerful _____ | 11. welcome _____ |
| 2. surprisingly _____ | 7. recover _____ | 12. interested _____ |
| 3. banner _____ | 8. closing _____ | 13. reopens _____ |
| 4. enthusiastic _____ | 9. comfortable _____ | 14. fortunately _____ |
| 5. fascinated _____ | 10. nevertheless _____ | 15. excited _____ |

What about you?

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

Yes No 1. I feel welcome in the shops that I visit.

Do you feel welcome in the shops that you visit?

Yes No 2. I think bright colors can make a room look more cheerful.

Yes No 3. I know how to make a basic cup of coffee.

Yes No 4. I know a business with a constant flow of customers.

Yes No 5. I often order food to go from a café or restaurant.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Are there colors associated with luck in your native country? If so, what are they?
What is the meaning of some other colors?
2. Do the people at your workplace sometimes change the way they do things? If so, explain how these changes affect you.
3. What is something in your life that you feel enthusiastic about? How can people stay enthusiastic about work or school?