

## Chapter 13 It's Working



After three months, Heng and Nary's shop is doing much better. Now, there are many types of customers. There are blue-collar workers and white-collar workers. There are elderly, middle-aged, and young people of different social classes. Heng and Nary are grateful for their incredible community.

In June, on Mrs. Ramos's eightieth birthday, Heng and Nary have a little surprise party for her at 8:00 a.m. They give her a birthday crown, and Max hands her a latte with a foam heart on the top. Then Nary passes around free donuts and French pastries to the many customers who know and love Mrs. Ramos. "I'm so happy to be back in this place," she says. "You are all like family to me."

Soriya loves to see people meet in the shop. Yuri met Susan there. Yuri is one of the plumbers who worked in their building. Susan is an immigration attorney. Susan is helping Yuri to bring his family to the U.S. "Good things happen at Le Petit Café and Lucky Donuts," thinks Soriya. "This business brings people together."



One night after work, Heng and Nary are eating dinner again in their upstairs apartment. Their appetites are much better now. "You know," says Heng, "I'm a very cautious person. I don't like taking risks, but Soriya was right about a few things. Some of her changes in the shop were very good."

"Yes, they were," says Nary, laughing. "Those *one or two* changes were brilliant."

### Answer the questions.

1. How is Heng and Nary's shop doing after three months?
2. What types of customers are there?
3. What are Heng and Nary grateful for?
4. What do Heng and Nary have on Mrs. Ramos's eightieth birthday?
5. What do they give her? What does Max hand her?
6. What does Nary pass around to the many customers who know and love Mrs. Ramos?
7. What does Soriya love to see? Who did Yuri meet there?
8. Who are Yuri and Susan? What is Susan helping Yuri to do?
9. How are Heng and Nary's appetites now?
10. What does Heng think Soriya was right about?

## Complete the sentences.

attorney  
heart

birthday  
people

donuts  
place

family  
plumbers

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3. Then Nary passes around free \_\_\_\_\_ and French pastries to the many customers who know and love Mrs. Ramos.
4. "I'm so happy to be back in this \_\_\_\_\_," she says. "You are all like family to me."
5. Soriya loves to see \_\_\_\_\_ meet in the shop. Yuri met Susan there.
6. Yuri is one of the \_\_\_\_\_ who worked in their building.
7. Susan is an immigration \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Susan is helping Yuri to bring his \_\_\_\_\_ to the U.S.

## Matching: Definitions

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|---------------------|--|
| ___ 1. blue-collar  | a. at an early stage of life                 |
| ___ 2. white-collar | b. type of work involving physical labor     |
| ___ 3. young        | c. older; senior                             |
| ___ 4. middle-aged  | d. type of work not involving physical labor |
| ___ 5. elderly      | e. between early adulthood and old age       |

# Talking About Immigration

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A. Good morning, Susan! How are you?  
B. I'm well, Yuri. Nice to see you!
- A. Thanks for your help with my immigration case.  
B. My pleasure. I hope your family is reunited soon.
- A. Oh, so do I! It's such a long and difficult process.  
B. Yes, these things take time. But don't worry. It's going to happen!

## Checklist

There are many different blue-collar jobs in the U.S. Check (✓) the blue-collar jobs on the list below. Write other ideas on the lines below.

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|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> receptionist        | <input type="checkbox"/> welder             | <input type="checkbox"/> maintenance worker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> salesperson         | <input type="checkbox"/> doctor             | <input type="checkbox"/> pharmacist         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> electrician         | <input type="checkbox"/> painter            | <input type="checkbox"/> mechanic           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> construction worker | <input type="checkbox"/> plumber            | <input type="checkbox"/> delivery driver    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> machine operator    | <input type="checkbox"/> business executive | <input type="checkbox"/> attorney           |

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## Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1.  a. The customers have various jobs.  
 b. The customers have similar jobs.
2.  a. The customers are all ages.  
 b. The customers are over 65.
3.  a. They appreciate their customers.  
 b. They miss their old customers.
4.  a. It's her eighteenth birthday.  
 b. It's her eightieth birthday.
5.  a. Nary charges the customers.  
 b. Nary doesn't charge anything.
6.  a. Yuri is a plumber.  
 b. Yuri is an electrician.
7.  a. Susan is a maintenance worker.  
 b. Susan is an attorney.
8.  a. Their appetites are better.  
 b. They can't eat very much.

## 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. appetite _____  | 6. attorney _____  | 11. community _____   |
| 2. eightieth _____ | 7. grateful _____  | 12. together _____    |
| 3. cautious _____  | 8. brilliant _____ | 13. elderly _____     |
| 4. classes _____   | 9. social _____    | 14. happen _____      |
| 5. laughing _____  | 10. birthday _____ | 15. immigration _____ |

## What about you?

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

**Yes** **No** 1. I live in a community with blue-collar and white-collar workers.

Do you live in a community with blue-collar and white-collar workers?

**Yes** **No** 2. I live in a community with elderly, middle-aged, and young people.

**Yes** **No** 3. I interact with people from different social classes.

**Yes** **No** 4. I sometimes get advice from an immigration attorney.

**Yes** **No** 5. I know a business in my community that brings people together.

## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. What are the advantages of meeting and interacting with people of different ages and of different social classes?
2. How do people celebrate birthdays in your native country?
3. What types of cases are typical for immigration attorneys? What can these professionals do to help their clients?