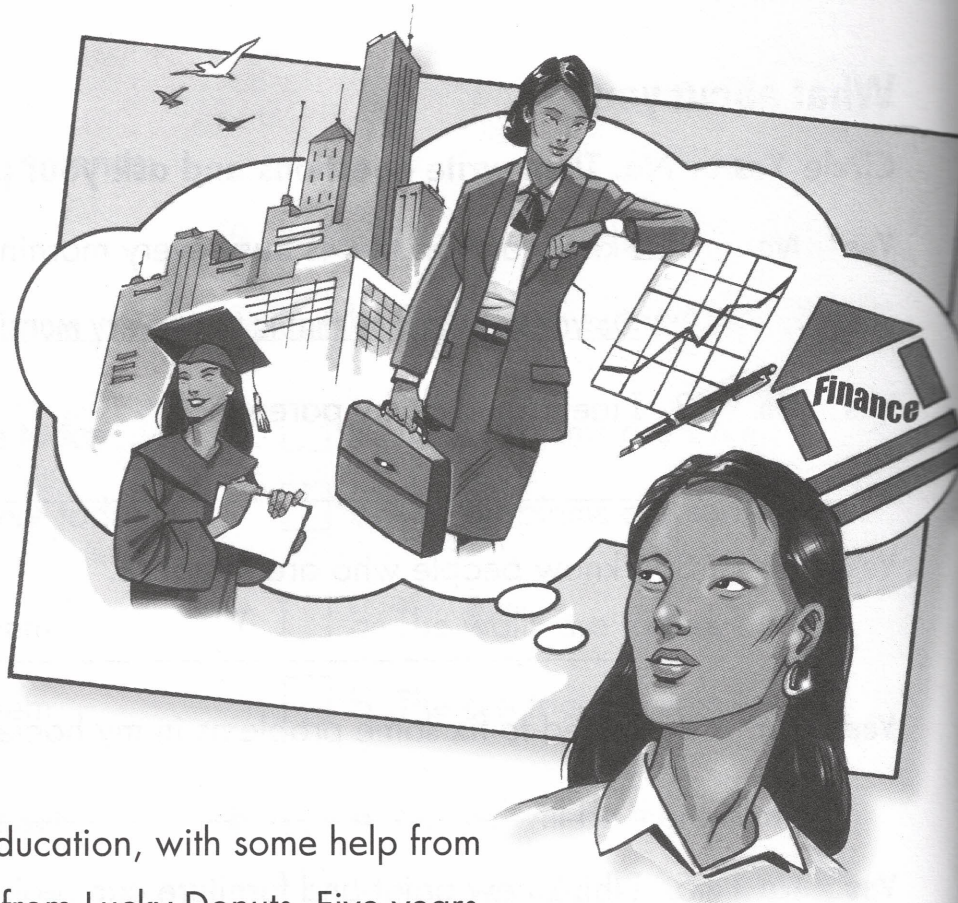


Chapter 2

An Excellent Education



Soriya had an excellent education, with some help from her parents and their income from Lucky Donuts. Five years ago, she earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from a top university. Then she worked for a large bank for four years. Soriya knows a great deal about money and managing businesses. In her opinion, she knows more than Heng and Nary.

Six months ago, Soriya returned to her hometown. Her parents are getting older, and soon Lucky Donuts will be her responsibility. Soriya wants to make the family business even more successful in the future. While Heng and Nary are out of town, Soriya will manage the electrical and plumbing projects—and perhaps make a few changes in the shop.

This morning, Soriya is driving Heng and Nary to the airport. They want to help Heng's sister, but they're nervous about leaving their daughter, too. "I hope these problems aren't too difficult for you," says Heng.

"Please don't worry, Dad," answers Soriya.



"Keep in touch," says Nary. "Call us if you have questions about anything."

"Just help Auntie get well!" says Soriya. "Don't forget. I have an MBA. I know a lot about business."

"But you don't know a lot about *our* business," says Heng. "Be careful how you spend money."

"I promise to be careful," says Soriya. "You can trust me."

Answer the questions.

1. How was Soriya able to have an excellent education?
2. What did she earn five years ago?
3. Where did she work for four years?
4. What does Soriya know a great deal about?
5. When did Soriya return to her hometown?
6. What does Soriya want to make even more successful in the future?
7. Where is Soriya driving Heng and Nary this morning?
8. What are Soriya's parents nervous about?
9. What does Heng tell Soriya to be careful about?
10. What does Soriya promise to be?

Complete the sentences.

bank
money

future
opinion

hometown
responsibility

income
university

1. Soriya had an excellent education, with some help from her parents and their _____ from Lucky Donuts.
2. Five years ago, she earned a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree from a top _____.
3. Then she worked for a large _____ for four years.
4. Soriya knows a great deal about _____ and managing businesses.
5. In her _____, she knows more than Heng and Nary.
6. Six months ago, Soriya returned to her _____.
7. Her parents are getting older, and soon Lucky Donuts will be her _____.
8. Soriya wants to make the family business even more successful in the _____.

Matching: Opposites

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| _____ 1. successful | a. younger |
| _____ 2. top | b. poor |
| _____ 3. older | c. careless |
| _____ 4. careful | d. bottom |
| _____ 5. excellent | e. relaxed |
| _____ 6. nervous | f. unsuccessful |

Talking in the Car

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A. I hope these problems aren't too difficult for you.
- B. Please don't worry, Dad.
- C. Call us if you have questions about anything.
- B. Just help Auntie get well! I know a lot about business.
- A. But you don't know a lot about *our* business.
- B. I promise to be careful. You can trust me.

Check the good ideas.

You are going out of town, and your daughter will manage some electrical and plumbing projects—and perhaps make a few changes in your shop. Check (✓) the things that are good to do. Write other ideas on the lines below.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> keep in touch every day | <input type="checkbox"/> believe she knows a lot about money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> trust her completely | <input type="checkbox"/> be relaxed because she has an MBA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> worry a lot about problems | <input type="checkbox"/> tell her to be careful with money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> tell her to buy whatever she needs | <input type="checkbox"/> enjoy being out of town |
| <input type="checkbox"/> speak to the plumbers and electricians directly | <input type="checkbox"/> approve or disapprove of each change she wants to make |
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Listening

Listen. Check (✓) the correct sentence.

1. ☐ a. She had an excellent education.
☐ b. She doesn't have a degree.
2. ☐ a. She worked for a large bank.
☐ b. She worked for a top university.
3. ☐ a. Soriya will run the business soon.
☐ b. Soriya will work in a bank soon.
4. ☐ a. She wants the shop to close.
☐ b. She wants the shop to make money.
5. ☐ a. They will all work together.
☐ b. Soriya will work alone.
6. ☐ a. Her parents are worried.
☐ b. Her parents are rich.
7. ☐ a. They can trust her.
☐ b. They can't trust her.
8. ☐ a. She won't spend too much.
☐ b. She won't spend any money.

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. promise _____ | 6. opinion _____ | 11. managing _____ |
| 2. excellent _____ | 7. university _____ | 12. education _____ |
| 3. projects _____ | 8. questions _____ | 13. responsibility _____ |
| 4. successful _____ | 9. income _____ | 14. nervous _____ |
| 5. businesses _____ | 10. anything _____ | 15. administration _____ |

What about you?

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

Yes **No** 1. I have a degree from a university.

Do you have a degree from a university?

Yes **No** 2. I know a great deal about money and managing businesses.

Yes **No** 3. I sometimes return to my hometown.

Yes **No** 4. I work in a successful family business.

Yes **No** 5. I know how to manage electrical and plumbing projects.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. In what ways can parents help their children receive good educations?
2. What are some top universities in your native country? What are some top universities in the U.S.?
3. What are some ways to learn more about money and managing a business?