

## Chapter 2

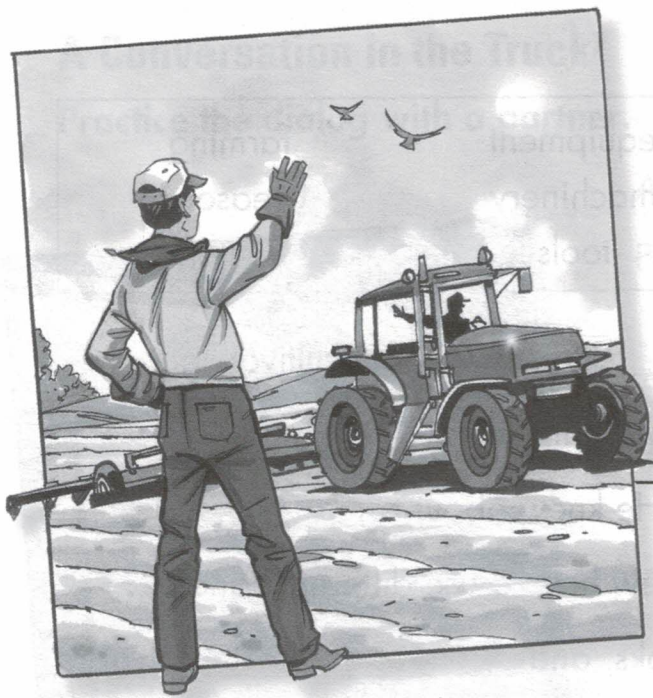
# Pride and Satisfaction



Because he didn't see well, Rafael didn't drive anymore. So, Lorenzo drove him to and from his small, company-owned apartment. In the truck, Lorenzo continued to joke with Rafael. "Live in your own home—not here," he said. "Relax and enjoy a delicious dinner," he added with a smile.

"And where does my dinner come from?" asked Rafael. "If I stop working, then there is no dinner. There is also no breakfast or lunch—for me and for other people in the world." This wasn't completely true, of course. But Lorenzo didn't laugh. Their occupation really is important. Farmworkers help to feed the whole planet. Producing food gave Rafael pride and satisfaction. As another dedicated farmworker, Lorenzo shared those feelings.

Rafael really understood farming. He knew about cultivating land. He knew about planting and harvesting crops. He knew about irrigation equipment. He knew about tractors and other pieces of machinery. He knew how to use different hand tools: trowels, hoes, pruning hooks, and field knives. He built and repaired various structures on the farm. And most importantly, he taught other farmworkers. When Lorenzo was a very young man, he had learned everything from Rafael.



Lorenzo's truck stopped in front of Rafael's apartment building. "Thanks," said Rafael, opening the passenger door. "It's true that I am older, but I'm not ready to sit in the rocking chair yet. I still have a reason to be here. You'll see!"

### Answer the questions.

1. Why didn't Rafael drive anymore?
2. Where did Lorenzo drive him?
3. Who do farmworkers help to feed?
4. What did producing food give Rafael?
5. As another dedicated farmworker, what did Lorenzo share?
6. What did Rafael really understand?
7. What did he know about land? What did he know about crops?
8. What equipment did Rafael know about?
9. What kind of machinery did he know about?
10. What hand tools did he know about?
11. What did Rafael build and repair?
12. Who did Rafael teach? Who had Lorenzo learned everything from?



## Complete the story.

building	crops	equipment	farming
field knives	land	machinery	reason
rocking chair	structures	tools	tractors

Rafael really understood \_\_\_\_\_. He knew about cultivating \_\_\_\_\_. He knew about planting and harvesting \_\_\_\_\_. He knew about irrigation \_\_\_\_\_. He knew about \_\_\_\_\_ and other pieces of \_\_\_\_\_. He knew how to use different hand \_\_\_\_\_: trowels, hoes, pruning hooks, and \_\_\_\_\_. He built and repaired various \_\_\_\_\_ on the farm. And most importantly, he taught other farmworkers. When Lorenzo was a very young man, he had learned everything from Rafael.

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"Thanks," said Rafael, opening the passenger door. "It's true that I am older, but I'm not ready to sit in the \_\_\_\_\_<sup>11</sup> yet. I still have a \_\_\_\_\_<sup>12</sup> to be here. You'll see!"

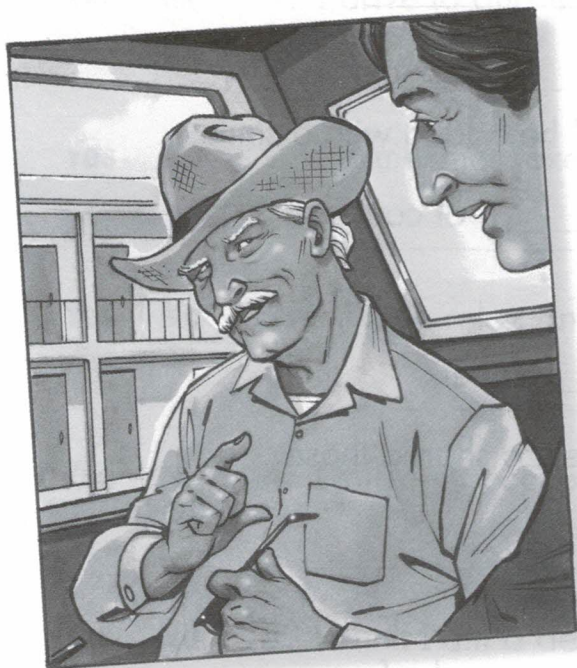
## Meanings

**Read each sentence. Look at the underlined word. Circle *a* or *b*.**

1. He knew about cultivating land.
  - a. preparing
  - b. repairing
2. He knew about planting and harvesting crops.
  - a. using
  - b. gathering
3. He knew about irrigation equipment.
  - a. water-supply
  - b. chemical-supply

## A Conversation in the Truck

Practice the dialog with a partner.



- A. As always, thanks for the ride home.
- B. You're very welcome. But live in your own home—not here.
- A. My company-owned apartment is fine.
- B. At your *real* home, you can relax and enjoy a delicious dinner!
- A. If I stop working, then there is no dinner. There is also no breakfast or lunch—for me and for other people in the world.
- B. Okay. I understand your feelings.
- A. It's true that I am older, but I'm not ready to sit in the rocking chair yet. I still have a reason to be here. You'll see.

## Past-Tense Verbs

**A. Write the present tense of the irregular past-tense verbs below.**

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|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1. built _____  | 5. said _____       |
| 2. fed _____    | 6. gave _____       |
| 3. taught _____ | 7. sat _____        |
| 4. drove _____  | 8. understood _____ |

**B. Read the answers below. Then write the past-tense questions.**

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes, Rafael knew about tractors and other pieces of machinery.
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes, he built and repaired various structures on the farm.
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
Yes, he taught other farmworkers.

## Listening

Listen to the sentences. Write the missing words.

1. Lorenzo drove him to and from his small, \_\_\_\_\_ apartment.
2. "Relax and enjoy a \_\_\_\_\_ dinner," he added with a smile.
3. This wasn't \_\_\_\_\_, of course.
4. Their occupation really is \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Farmworkers help to feed the \_\_\_\_\_ planet.
6. As another \_\_\_\_\_ farmworker, Lorenzo shared those \_\_\_\_\_.
7. He knew how to use \_\_\_\_\_ hand tools.
8. He built and repaired \_\_\_\_\_ structures on the farm.
9. And most \_\_\_\_\_, he taught \_\_\_\_\_ farmworkers.
10. "It's true that I am \_\_\_\_\_, but I'm not \_\_\_\_\_ to sit in the rocking chair yet."

## Pronunciation

Check (✓) *d*, *t*, or *id* to show the pronunciation of the final sound in the past-tense verbs below.

	d	t	id		d	t	id
1. continued	_____	_____	_____	6. relaxed	_____	_____	_____
2. laughed	_____	_____	_____	7. enjoyed	_____	_____	_____
3. learned	_____	_____	_____	8. planted	_____	_____	_____
4. added	_____	_____	_____	9. opened	_____	_____	_____
5. cultivated	_____	_____	_____	10. harvested	_____	_____	_____



## What about you?

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

**Yes**   **No**   1. I drive to and from my home.

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**Yes**   **No**   2. I sometimes joke with other people.

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**Yes**   **No**   3. I like to relax and enjoy a delicious dinner.

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**Yes**   **No**   4. I think my occupation is very important.

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**Yes**   **No**   5. I think I am a dedicated worker.

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**Yes**   **No**   6. I know a lot about farming.

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**Yes**   **No**   7. I sometimes learn from other people at work.

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## Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. Do you sometimes give advice to people about their jobs? If so, what do you say and why do you say it?
2. Do you think it's important to feel pride and satisfaction at work? What kinds of jobs can give people pride and satisfaction? Please explain.
3. What things are important to know about in your job? Did anyone teach you how to do these things?