

Chapter 14

A Job Offer



It had been eleven months since Amelia left Mexico. And at this point, she seriously considered going back. She thought about it a lot, especially while tossing and turning on Eduardo and Marisol's lumpy sofa. "I've worked hard as a housekeeper for nearly a year now," she thought. "I think I've had almost enough of this adventure."

Amelia decided to give her notice soon. But before she did, Mr. Medina asked Amelia to meet with him in his office. So at the end of her shift, Amelia went to Mr. Medina's office and sat down. "I'd like to offer a new service for our guests' children," said Mr. Medina. "And not just babysitting," he continued. "I'd like to provide a variety of activities for kids: arts and crafts, exercise, and even water safety. We could develop some fun programs that would make this hotel the perfect place for people with young children to stay. What do you think, Amelia?" he asked.

"It sounds like a great idea," said Amelia, smiling.

"And with your experience as a teacher, you might be a good person to help us organize these activities and then help supervise them."



"Wow," said Amelia. "I really appreciate your thinking of me," she said.

"And I can pay you more than twice your salary as a housekeeper," he said. "Please think about it."

"Thank you, Mr. Medina," said Amelia. "I definitely will."

Answer the questions.

1. How long had it been since Amelia left Mexico?
2. What did she seriously consider at this point?
3. When did she think about it?
4. When did Amelia decide to give her notice?
5. Who asked Amelia to meet with him?
6. What did Mr. Medina say he would like to offer?
7. What kinds of activities would he like to provide?
8. What could they develop? What would it make this hotel?
9. What did Amelia say it sounded like?
10. What did Mr. Medina think Amelia might be?
11. What did Amelia really appreciate?
12. How much did Mr. Medina say he could pay her?

A Conversation with Mr. Medina

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: I'd like to provide a variety of activities for kids: arts and crafts, exercise, and even water safety.

B: Oh, I see.

A: This hotel can be the perfect place for people with young children to stay. What do you think, Amelia?

B: It sounds like a great idea.

A: You might be a good person to help us organize these activities and then help supervise them.

B: Wow. I really appreciate your thinking of me.

Past-Tense Verbs

A. Write the negative form of each past-tense verb.

1. organized _____

5. thought _____

2. went _____

6. provided _____

3. paid _____

7. offered _____

4. considered _____

8. sounded _____

B. Write negative past-tense sentences.

1. They offered a new service.

They didn't offer a new service.

2. She thought about it a lot.

3. I went to Mr. Medina's office.

4. We organized the activities.

5. I considered going back.

Listening

Listen to the sentences. Write the missing word or words.

1. It had been _____ months since Amelia left _____.
2. And at this point, she seriously _____ going back.
3. She thought about it while _____ and _____ on the lumpy sofa.
4. "I've worked hard as a housekeeper for nearly a year now," she _____.
5. "I think I've had almost _____ of this _____."
6. Amelia decided to _____ her _____ soon.
7. Mr. Medina _____ Amelia to _____ with him in his office.
8. At the end of her _____, Amelia went to Mr. Medina's office and sat down.
9. "I'd like to offer a new _____ for our guests' _____."
10. "I'd like to provide arts and crafts, exercise, and even water _____."

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. appreciated	_____	_____	_____	5. sounded	_____	_____	_____
2. considered	_____	_____	_____	6. supervised	_____	_____	_____
3. offered	_____	_____	_____	7. organized	_____	_____	_____
4. developed	_____	_____	_____	8. provided	_____	_____	_____

What about you?

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

Yes No 1. I sometimes consider going back to my country.

Do you sometimes consider going back to your country?

Yes No 2. I work very hard at my job.

Yes No 3. I sometimes meet with people at the end of my shift.

Yes No 4. I think arts and crafts are very important for children.

Yes No 5. I think exercise is very important for children.

Yes No 6. I think water safety is very important for children.

Yes No 7. I know the perfect place for people with young children to stay.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. For what reasons do people give their notice?
2. Do you think Amelia will accept the new position? Why or why not?
3. What job can pay you more than twice your present salary? How can you get that job?