

Chapter 7 Working



Amelia walked back into the hallway and took a deep breath. She wanted to run out of this hotel and never come back. But then she thought about Dolores, who would have to clean the whole third floor without any help. She thought about Veronica, who would be shorthanded again. She thought about Eduardo, who would be embarrassed that his sister quit on her second day. And she thought about her family, who would be so disappointed without any extra money.

"Are you okay?" asked Dolores from across the hall.

"Oh, yes. I'm fine," said Amelia. "I'm just getting some towels from the cart." And at that moment, Amelia made the difficult decision to stay. Many people were depending on her, even if she had to make beds and scrub out bathtubs. She needed to work, and this was her job. So she finished cleaning Room 306 and then helped Dolores clean twenty more rooms. "Well," thought Amelia, "this job isn't an adventure, but I'll do it."



After Amelia and Dolores finished their last room, a funny-looking man wearing a bathrobe and a shower cap walked down the hall. He stopped by their cart and, without saying anything, picked up several complimentary bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion. Then he walked away. Amelia put her hand over her mouth and tried not to laugh. "But in life," she thought, "there are many kinds of adventures."

Answer the questions.

1. What did Amelia walk back into? What did she take?
2. What did she want to do?
3. Who did Amelia think about? What would she have to do?
4. How would Veronica be again?
5. How would Eduardo feel? How would her family feel?
6. What did Dolores ask from across the hall?
7. What difficult decision did Amelia make at that moment?
8. Who was depending on her?
9. How many more rooms did she help Dolores clean?
10. What was a funny-looking man wearing?
11. What did the man stop by? What did he pick up?
12. Where did Amelia put her hand? What did she try not to do?

Complete the story.

getting	thought about	quit	have to clean
run out	took	would be	walked back
scrub out	made	come back	were depending on

Amelia _____¹ into the hallway and _____² a deep breath. She wanted to _____³ of this hotel and never _____⁴. But then she thought about Dolores, who would _____⁵ the whole third floor without any help. She _____⁶ Veronica, who would be shorthanded again. She thought about Eduardo, who would be embarrassed that his sister _____⁷ on her second day. And she thought about her family, who _____⁸ so disappointed without any extra money.

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Meanings

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

- Eduardo would be embarrassed that his sister quit on her second day.
a. proud b. ashamed
- Her family would be so disappointed without any extra money.
a. surprised b. sad
- He picked up several complimentary bottles of shampoo, conditioner, and body lotion.
a. expensive b. free

A Conversation in the Hallway

Practice the dialog with a partner.



A: Are you okay?

B: Oh, yes. I'm fine.

A: Do you need anything?

B: No, I'm just getting some towels from the cart.

A: I can help you clean that room.

B: Don't worry. I can manage it.

A: Please let me know if you need help.

B: Thanks. I really appreciate that.

Past-Tense Verbs

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

1. _____ put

5. _____ ran

2. _____ thought about

6. _____ wore

3. _____ made

7. _____ quit

4. _____ came back

8. _____ got

B. Write negative past-tense sentences.

1. She quit on her second day.

She didn't quit on her second day.

2. I thought about my family.

3. He wore a shower cap.

4. They ran out of the hotel.

5. We made the difficult decision.

Listening

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

1. At that moment, Amelia made the difficult _____ to stay.
2. People were _____ on her, even if she had to make _____.
3. She needed to _____, and this was _____ job.
4. So she _____ cleaning Room 306.
5. Then she helped Dolores clean _____ more _____.
6. Amelia thought, "This job isn't an _____, but I'll do it."
7. A _____ - _____ man walked down the hall.
8. He picked up several complimentary bottles of _____, conditioner, and body lotion.
9. Amelia put her hand over her _____ and tried not to _____.
10. "But in _____," she thought, "there are many kinds of adventures."

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. depended on	_____	_____	_____	6. cleaned	_____	_____	_____
2. scrubbed out	_____	_____	_____	7. picked up	_____	_____	_____
3. walked back	_____	_____	_____	8. helped	_____	_____	_____
4. tried	_____	_____	_____	9. cleaned	_____	_____	_____
5. finished	_____	_____	_____	10. stopped by	_____	_____	_____

What about you?

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

Yes **No** 1. I sometimes take a deep breath.

Do you sometimes take a deep breath?

Yes **No** 2. I sometimes make difficult decisions.

Yes **No** 3. I have many people who are depending on me.

Yes **No** 4. I sometimes do things at work that I don't want to do.

Yes **No** 5. I think my job is sometimes an adventure.

Yes **No** 6. I sometimes see funny-looking people.

Yes **No** 7. I sometimes try not to laugh.

Topics for Discussion or Writing

1. What are some good reasons for people to stay at their jobs?
2. What kinds of decisions are difficult to make?
3. What complimentary items do guests receive at hotels? What items are not complimentary?