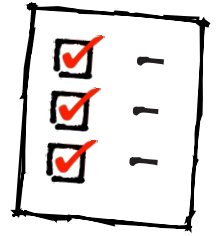


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Day Two

A Whole New Life

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words

→ Read these phrases and words **out loud** to your partner.

- She was used to having more people around
- No matter how much hot sauce she put on her food
- she decided to make a special meal from her childhood
- She stuffed fish with shrimp and fried it
- and confidently put them in the dishwasher

- Valeria vah | **LAY** | ree | ah
- experienced ek | **SPEER** | ee | inst
- violence **VEYE** | uh | lens
- rinsed **RINST**
- confidently **KON** | fih | dent | lee



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

welcomed

childhood

uneasy

safer

experienced

recall

confidently



Day Two

// one minute

A Whole New Life

Part 2: Last read

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“I’ve only seen one of those in the movies,” Valeria said. She was pointing to a dishwasher. She was speaking Spanish.

Valeria is a young trans woman from Mexico. In her hometown, she experienced violence because of her identity. She came to the United States to live a safer life.	50
A family in Richmond, California welcomed her into their home.	60

At first, there were many things that made Valeria uneasy. The house was too big and quiet. She was used to having more people around. She was scared to try to speak English. She didn’t want to make mistakes and have people laugh at her. No matter how much hot sauce she put on her food, it didn’t taste like the food back home.	76
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Valeria didn’t understand American money. She had to learn how to take the bus and subway. Some days she felt so sad that she didn’t want to leave her bedroom.	139
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But with time, some things started to feel easier. Valeria found a radio station that played music that she knew. She learned to travel around the city. She joined a support group of other trans people who spoke Spanish. Though she still didn’t like to speak English, she began to recall more words.	170
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One day, she decided to make a special meal from her childhood for her new American family. She stuffed fish with shrimp and fried it. When the meal was over, she rinsed the dishes and confidently put them in the dishwasher.	223
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What advice might you give Valeria about adjusting to a new home?

Share your advice with your partner. What advice would your partner give her?
