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## Day One

# Ticket to a New Life

### Part 1: Silent read

→ Can a piece of paper be the ticket to a new life? Read silently.

Angela first came to the U.S. from Jamaica to study to become a nurse. At first, everything felt hard. Angela disliked her cold Chicago apartment. She was unprepared for the way people pushed past her on the sidewalk. Soon, though, she met other nursing students and made friends. They sat together in classes. They shared textbooks and ate pizza together while they studied.

When Angela finished school, her student visa would expire. She applied for a work visa. As a nurse, her skills were in demand. Her work visa was approved, and she was allowed to stay in the U.S. for six more years. She and her nursing school friends went out dancing to celebrate. She found work in the children’s ward at a Chicago hospital.

At the end of six years, Angela was unwilling to leave the U.S. “My job is here and my friends are here,” she told her mother over the phone. To stay in Chicago, Angela needed a green card.

A green card allows you to live in the U.S. for as long as you wish. As a noncitizen, you can’t vote, but you can work and drive a car legally. After five years, you can become a citizen.

Not everyone qualifies for a green card. If you have special skills, an employer can sponsor you. If a family member is a citizen, they can sponsor you, too. For people like Angela, a green card is the ticket to a permanent home in America.



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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why did Angela need a green card?

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As a noncitizen, what could Angela not do in the U.S.?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.