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Day Two

The Green Card Lottery

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- David jumped up in disbelief
- If his paperwork checked out
- allows you to legally immigrate to the U.S.
- Green card holders are noncitizens
- People often qualify for green cards

- finally **FEYE** | nuh | lee
- citizenship **SIT** | ih | zun | ship
- qualify **KWAL** | ih | feye
- spouse **SPOWSS**
- ineligible in | **EL** | uh | juh | bul



Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. Then underline the prefix that means “not.” The first one is done for you.

disbelief noncitizens unusual ineligible



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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David nervously logged on to the web. Today, the list was finally up. David jumped up in disbelief. He had won the green card lottery! If his paperwork checked out, he could leave West Africa and start a new life in the U.S.

A green card allows you to legally immigrate to the U.S. With a green card, you	59
can work, drive a car, and apply for help to pay for college. Green card holders	75
are noncitizens, which means you cannot vote or serve on a jury. But after five	90
years with a green card, you can apply for citizenship.	100

People often qualify for green cards by having a parent, child, or spouse who is a	116
citizen. If your close relatives already have green cards, you might also qualify.	129
Special training or unusual job skills can be another route to a green card.	143

Each year, another 50,000 green cards are awarded through a lottery. To enter,	156
you must be a high school graduate. You also need to have worked for at least	172
two years in a skilled job. David, for example, was a teacher. People from	186
countries with many immigrants to the U.S., like England or China, are ineligible.	199
If you come from a nation with fewer immigrants, like Japan or Kenya, you can	214
try your luck. About ten million people enter the green card lottery each year.	228

Why have a lottery? America was built by immigrants. The green card lottery is	242
one way of keeping an open door.	249

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

The green card lottery helps immigrants from countries that don't come to the U.S. in large numbers. If you're from Bermuda, you're eligible for the lottery. If you're from Jamaica, however, you're not. You can't get a green card this way. Is this fair?

- Yes, it's fair. No, it's not fair.

Share ideas with your partner. Do you agree or disagree?

- We agree about this. We disagree about this.