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Day One

An ICE Raid

Part 1: Silent read

→ What happens when adults are working in the U.S. without legal documentation?
Read silently.

Imagine you're an adult and working at your job at a chicken plant. Suddenly, officers in uniforms rush in and arrest you. This is what happened in Mississippi. Nearly 700 immigrants were arrested on the same day. They were employees at seven different chicken plants.

The officers worked for the U.S. government. The department they worked for is called ICE. ICE officers focus their attention on immigrants. They want to make sure immigrants are in the country legally. Mike Hurst is a lawyer who works for the government. He was pleased with the arrests. He said, "Today, we are once again becoming a nation of laws."

Many of the people who were arrested had families. The families were terribly worried. Where was their loved one? When would their loved one come home? The children of the immigrants were especially upset. It was their first day of school. Some of the children cried while they waited for news of their parents.

A lot of people felt that the arrests were unfair. Luis Espinoza is an activist. He fights for the rights of immigrants. He said, "I don't see illegals. I don't see bad people. They are not criminals."

Local politicians were concerned. One mayor worried that the arrests would hurt the community. The mayor of Jackson, Mississippi, said that people should wonder about the "soul of our nation."

Source: "680 undocumented workers arrested in record-setting immigration sweep on the first day of school," *CNN*, August 9, 2019.



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why were workers at seven chicken plants in Mississippi arrested?

People had different reactions to the arrests. List at least two reactions to the arrests here.

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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.