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## Day One

# The Immigration Challenge

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ Getting legal immigrant status is a huge challenge. Read silently.

Most immigrants to the U.S. want and need a resident visa. Getting a resident visa, however, is a complex transaction. What about citizens bringing their family members as legal residents to the U.S.? To bring a child here, a mother will need to file a government form. There is also a hefty fee. She will need to attach the child's birth certificate. Pay stubs and another form are required to show she has the income to support her child.

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Source: “How long is the immigration line? As long as 24 years,” *The Washington Post*, January 31, 2013.



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### Part 2: First timed read

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121  
137  
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244  
257  
259

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What makes getting a permanent resident visa challenging?

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Think of a 4-year-old in Mexico whose mother is a U.S. citizen. How old will that child be when the resident visa is ready so he can legally come to 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.