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## Day Two

# Ticket to a New Life

### Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- to study to become a nurse
- for the way people pushed past her
- her student visa would expire
- She found work in the children's ward
- Angela was unwilling to leave the U.S.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> visa      | VEE   zuh         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> expire    | ik   SPEYER       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> applied   | uh   PLEYED       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> celebrate | SEL   uh   brayt  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> qualifies | KWAL   ih   feyez |
| <input type="checkbox"/> permanent | PUR   muh   nunt  |



### 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.

disliked

unprepared

unwilling

noncitizen



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// one minute

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### Part 2: Last read

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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. 54 63

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. 77 94 110 125 126

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. 144 160 164

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. 183 200 203

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. 218 234 248

### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Nurses are one kind of skilled worker that can get work visas for the U.S. Can you think of any other jobs like this, where more skilled workers are always needed? Talk with your partner. Together, think of three jobs in high demand.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_