

Name:

Day One

Safe for Now

Part 1: Silent read

→ How do you get to be a legal immigrant in the U.S.? Read silently.

When he was 11, Justino Mora moved to the U.S. His family’s life in Mexico was overshadowed by poverty and violence. Justino’s mother dreamed of something better for her children. They settled in California. Justino now attends UCLA. Although the family didn’t have legal documents when they came, Justino can stay in the U.S. for now. His mother, on the other hand, could be deported.

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Many people want to move to the U.S. But the government doesn’t allow everyone to stay. To immigrate, you usually need a family member to sponsor you. Justino can’t sponsor his mother. He isn’t a citizen.

There are other ways to move to the U.S. Refugees—people for whom living in their home country is dangerous—are sometimes allowed to move to the U.S. But the government allows only a small number of refugees to enter every year.

Another group of people who are given preference are skilled workers. To qualify, employers have to prove that the skilled worker from somewhere else can do the job better than an American. It can often take years of education for someone to reach this level of skill.

What will happen to Justino and his mother? They work to change the rules. They worry about their future.

Source: “In Southwest, new immigration policies bring frustration from all sides,” *NPR*, November 21, 2014.



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What are three ways that people can legally immigrate to the U.S.?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Why can't Justino help his mother to stay in America?

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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.