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Day Two

English Became José's Ticket

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- brought him over to live with his grandparents
 - unsure if José was being funny
 - or if he was simply clueless
 - I quickly grew to love my new home
 - practicing how the characters pronounced words
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- José Antonio ho | **ZAY** an | **TOH** | nee | oh
 - coyote keye | **OH** | tee
 - immigrate **IM** | ih | grayt
 - pronounced pruh | **NOWNST**
 - characters **KAIR** | ik | turz
 - challenge **CHAL** | inj
 - journalist **JURN** | uh | list



Decoding practice:

Circle the base words in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. The first one is done for you.

s m u g g l e r

u n s u r e

c l u e l e s s

i m p r o v e m e n t

e l d e r l y

c o n n e c t i o n s

a c c e p t a n c e



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Part 2: Last read

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José Antonio Vargas moved from Asia to California when he was just twelve. A coyote, or people smuggler, brought him over to live with his grandparents. Without papers, José's mother stayed behind. She hoped to immigrate later.

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| José wrote about his experience coming to the U.S. for <i>The New York Times Magazine</i> . | 52 |
| At his California middle school, a kid asked him, "What's up?" José answered, "The sky." Other students laughed, unsure if José was being funny or if he was simply clueless. José wasn't trying to be rude, but learning everyday English was hard. | 67 80 93 94 |

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| "I quickly grew to love my new home," José remembered. Hoping to sound like a real American, he watched old television shows like <i>Home Improvement</i> . José would play the shows over and over, practicing how the characters pronounced words. | 109 120 132 133 |
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| For many immigrants to the United States, learning English is the major challenge. Students who arrive in middle school like José need to catch up on the basics. At the same time, they are expected to learn tough new vocabulary in science, social studies, and language arts. | 145 160 174 180 |
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| José found lots of ways to master English. He joined his school debate team and acted in plays. José also wrote for his school paper and interned at a community newspaper. With only his elderly grandparents at home, José made connections with teachers. Teachers helped him win scholarships and acceptance to college. Now he is an award-winning journalist, a filmmaker, and an activist for immigrant rights. | 195 210 221 232 245 247 |
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

José Antonio Vargas says he is an American, even if he doesn't have the needed papers. What do you think?

- He is an American. He is not an American. I'm not sure.

Explain.

Share ideas with your partner. We did this.