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Day One

The Green Card Lottery

Part 1: Silent read

➔ Millions enter the lottery to win a new life in America. Read silently.

David nervously logged on to the web. Today, the list was finally up. David jumped up in disbelief. He had won the green card lottery! If his paperwork checked out, he could leave West Africa and start a new life in the U.S.

A green card allows you to legally immigrate to the U.S. With a green card, you can work, drive a car, and apply for help to pay for college. Green card holders are noncitizens, which means you cannot vote or serve on a jury. But after five years with a green card, you can apply for citizenship.

People often qualify for green cards by having a parent, child, or spouse who is a citizen. If your close relatives already have green cards, you might also qualify. Special training or unusual job skills can be another route to a green card.

Each year, another 50,000 green cards are awarded through a lottery. To enter, you must be a high school graduate. You also need to have worked for at least two years in a skilled job. David, for example, was a teacher. People from countries with many immigrants to the U.S., like England or China, are ineligible. If you come from a nation with fewer immigrants, like Japan or Kenya, you can try your luck. About ten million people enter the green card lottery each year.

Why have a lottery? America was built by immigrants. The green card lottery is one way of keeping an open door.



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Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

What is a green card?

Who can enter the green card lottery?

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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.