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Day Two

The Immigration Challenge

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- is a complex transaction
- are required to show she has the income
- Once fees are paid and forms are filed
- based on immigrants' home countries
- According to *The Washington Post*

- certificate sur | **TIH** | fi | kit
- nationality na | shun | **AL** | ih | tee
- Angelo AN | jeh | loh
- Paparelli pap | uh | **REH** | lee



Decoding practice:

We break words into syllables where we see two consonants in the middle of words.

- Underline the middle two consonants.
- Draw a line between the two consonants.
- Put a short vowel sign [˘] over the first vowel.
- Say the word with your partner.

The first one is done for you.

c[˘]omplex

m e m b e r s

h e f t y

s u p p o r t

d o c t o r s

c h a l l e n g e



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// one minute

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Part 2: Last read

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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.	57 70 79
Once fees are paid and forms are filed, there is a long, long wait. The U.S. sets visa limits based on immigrants' home countries. The limits try to slow the arrival of new residents, based on nationality. According to <i>The Washington Post</i> , the wait time to bring a child from Mexico is 20 years. Few families can wait that long. A family visa from Ireland, however, might be ready in seven years.	96 109 121 137 151
Family members of citizens go to the back of the line for resident visas. At the front of the line are highly skilled workers. Even for doctors, however, the wait to enter the U.S. depends on the home country. A doctor from England can get a work visa for the U.S. right away. Someone with the same medical skills from India, though, might wait as long as eight years.	167 181 197 211 220
A lawyer named Angelo Paparelli described the challenge for <i>The Washington Post</i> . Some people picture immigrants dying in the desert, trying to cross the U.S. border. These days, he says, "... they might just die waiting to become permanent residents."	231 244 257 259

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

If you could set the policy, who would be at the front of the line for permanent resident visas? Children of U.S. citizens or skilled workers from other countries?

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Give the reasons for your choice of who goes first.

Check with your partner. We agree about this. We disagree about this.