

Name:

Day One

In the Shadows

Part 1: Silent read

➔ What options are available for undocumented immigrants? Read silently.

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When Mai thinks about her future, however, she often feels afraid. Mai came to the U.S. when she was only three. Her mother paid a smuggler to sneak them over the border from Canada. Mai's mom found a job as a waitress. Mai learned English by watching Sesame Street. They are both undocumented.

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"A doctor?" Mai said. "Honestly, Ma, I can't think about a future here. How can I possibly plan for college and a career? We could both get deported!"

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But in 2017, things changed again. Trump authorized federal agents to begin conducting immigration raids. People could be arrested and deported even if they had not committed any other crimes. Mai worries every day about whether she and her mom will be able to stay in the U.S.



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// one minute

Part 2: First timed read

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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Why is Mai so worried about the future?

How did Mai learn English?

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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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