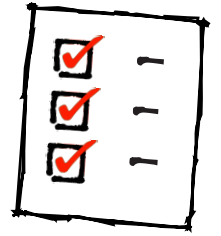


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Day Two

Immigration Scams

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- President Obama made changes in immigration rules
- to come out of the shadows
- this is when problems really began
- Some crooked lawyers
- Her father faced death in Bangladesh

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- status **STAY** | tus
- Razeen rah | **ZEEN**
- Zaman **ZAH** | mun
- desperate **DES** | pur | it
- undocumented un | **DAHK** | yuh | men | tid



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.

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Part 2: Last read

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Back in 2014, President Obama made changes in immigration rules. He challenged immigrants to “come out of the shadows and get right with the law.” For some immigrants, however, this is when problems really began.

The waiting time for a green card can stretch into years. People without green cards often face deportation. Some crooked lawyers take advantage of families who are trying to get legal status. Families pay thousands and get nothing in exchange.

Razeen Zaman’s family came to New York City from Bangladesh. Razeen told her story in an interview for “Raise Our Story.” Her father faced death in Bangladesh because of his political stands. The family tried to apply for refugee status in the U.S. A dishonest lawyer took their case. The Zamans learned he did not file the right papers. Then he threatened to turn them in if they did not pay.

When people are desperate, scams are common. Sometimes criminals get the phone numbers of undocumented immigrants. They send phony text messages. “You have won the immigration lottery.” They follow up with demands for money.

There is a real immigration lottery. People from certain countries can apply. Exactly 50,000 people are picked to win a green card. But paying fees to a shady business is no help. Either your name gets picked, or you are out of luck. But many immigrants pay for lottery help that makes no difference in the outcome.

Where can immigrants go for real help? Church and community groups can refer them to honest lawyers. The government can crack down on crooked immigration businesses.

Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

About 10 million people are living in the U.S. without green cards. Is it fair to have a lottery every year and give green cards to 50,000 of these people?

- I think this is fair. I think this is not fair. I’m not sure.

What are your reasons?

Share your answer with your partner. We did this.