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Day Two

A Green Card and a New Life

Part 1: Tricky phrases and words



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

- His young life started out
- but the questions went unanswered
- When he heard of the family's troubles
- to become a permanent U.S. resident
- as Manuel waited in Panama for his green card

- Manuel mahn | **WEL**
- applied uh | **PLEYED**
- permanent **PUR** | muh | nunt
- resident **REZ** | ih | dent
- citizen **SIT** | ih | zun
- application ap | lih | **KAY** | shun



Decoding practice:

Circle the base word in the longer words below. The base is a word part that shows the core meaning. Then underline the prefix that means “not.” The first one is done for you.

disliked unanswered unable nonresidents



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Part 2: Last read

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Thirteen-year-old Manuel lives in New York with his dad. His young life started out very differently.

Manuel grew up in Panama with his mother and his grandparents. Panama is a small country in Central America. Manuel always disliked homework but loved soccer and math. He sometimes asked about his father, but the questions went unanswered. 57

When Manuel was 8, his world changed. His mother died in a car accident. His grandparents lost their business. They were unable to care for Manuel. 72
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Manuel's grandparents found his father in America. When he heard of the family's troubles, he asked Manuel to come live with him. He applied for a green card for Manuel. 96
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"What is a green card?" Manuel wondered. A green card allows a person to become a permanent U.S. resident. Different from nonresidents, Manuel could stay in the U.S. forever. When Manuel was old enough, he could get a part-time job, a driver's license, and money for college. If he wanted to, he could become a U.S. citizen. 129
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Months dragged by as Manuel waited in Panama for his green card. Still, he knew he was lucky. His dad was a U.S. citizen, so Manuel's application went to the front of the line. He would get his green card ahead of people who had been waiting for many years. 187
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When the envelope came in the mail, Manuel was both happy and sad. He would miss his grandparents and his home. But the green card was a ticket to a new life. 237
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Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Because Manuel's dad was a U.S. citizen, Manuel got his green card in a few months. Other people applying for green cards to go to the U.S. can wait for years. Is it fair that family members of citizens go to the head of the line? Why or why not?

Share answers with your partner. We agree about this. We disagree.