

The Seed for a Good Life

Study Guide



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The Seed for a Good Life

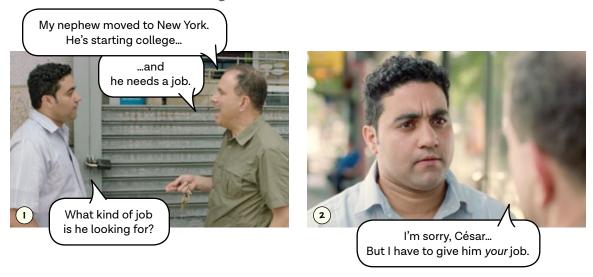
César loses his job...



Now he's in search of the seed for a good life.

The Story of My Life

César gets bad news from his boss.



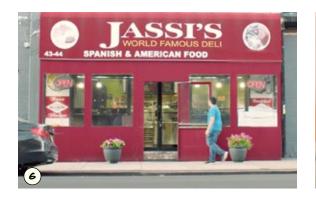
César breaks the news to his wife, Gabriela. She reminds him of all his skills and experience.





César Starts His Search for a Job

César goes to a restaurant where he used to work. The manager, Flor, offers him a temporary job.





The job doesn't start right away. César can't wait.





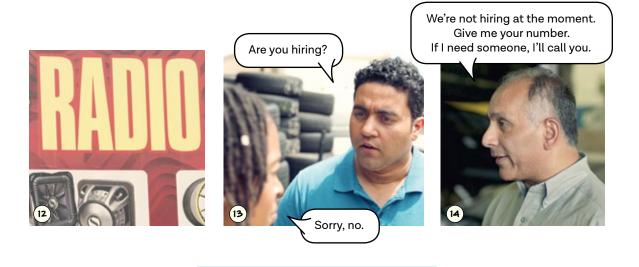
Flor has an idea for César.





The Search Continues

César goes to three car shops.



At the third shop, the manager offers César a chance for a job.





At the End of a Long Day

César has another skill. He's an artist.

He is on the phone with a friend who can sell his paintings.



Gabriela invites César to visit the library career center with her.

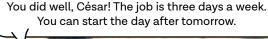


Back home, César makes some paintings for his friend to sell.



The Best News All Week

César shows his skills and gets the job.













The Seed for a Good Life

César is more relaxed now. He enters a community garden close to home.





César meets Simon. He is an organizer of the community garden.



César wants a career. Simon asks him a good question.



Simon gives César a big idea.





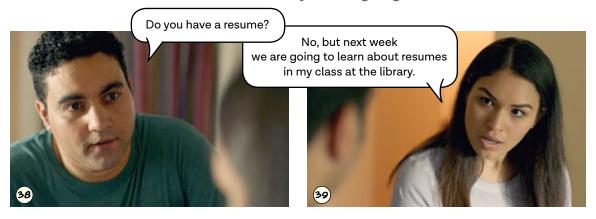






Do You Have a Resume?

Gabriela takes a free class at the library. She is going to learn about resumes.



César is interested in the class. Gabriela can't believe her ears.



César has a big idea. His daughter, Xio, wonders where her dad got the idea.



can't believe her ears = very surprised by the words she hears

Meet Nana Aidoo

A woman from the career center in the library, Nana Aidoo, is teaching Gabriela's class what to put on a resume.







César introduces himself to a classmate, Jian.



César tells Jian about IDNYC-an ID card for all New Yorkers.



Interview Workshop

César returns to Gabriela's class to learn about interviews.



Nana tells the students other useful things to say in an interview.

The students practice saying the lines.



Nana gives examples of careers.



Nana recommends a free NYC service called Workforce1.



* Workforce1 provides career counseling and help with resumes for everyone with an ID card.

It also helps people who are authorized to work to find jobs.

Look Who's Here!

After class, Gabriela shows Jian some information about IDNYC.

César recognizes a friend.







The Right Place

César goes to Workforce1. He asks about career counseling and finding a job.



César takes a deep breath and smiles. He's on the path to a career.





Who We Are

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

Nana • Simon • César • Gabriela • manager
Jian • Xio • Flor • Workforce1 staff member



- 1. My name is <u>César</u>. It's a hard week. I lose one job. But I hustle and find two part-time jobs. That's the story of my life—always changing jobs. I want a career.
- 2. My name is _______. I am married to César. We have one child. We are expecting another one. I am a domestic worker. I take classes at the library too.





- 3. My name is ______. I am the daughter of César and Gabriela. They are my parents. I am going to have a baby sister or brother soon.
- 4. My name is _______. I am the manager of a small restaurant. César used to work for me. He is a great worker with many skills.





5. I am the ______ of a car audio shop.

I hire César to put radios in cars. He's a hard worker and a quick learner.

6. My name is ______. I am retired after a career in business. I spend a lot of time in the community garden now. Planting seeds and growing things are my passion.





7. My name is ______. I work in the career center at the library. Sometimes, I visit the ESL classes there to teach about resumes and interviews.

I love teaching.

8. My name is _______. I want to learn about resumes and interviews. I meet César in class at the library. He tells me about IDNYC. It has a lot of benefits. I'm going to get one. Do you have your IDNYC?





9. I am a ______. Workforce1 has free career counseling. At Workforce1, César is starting a new chapter in the story of his life.

hustle = take action with a lot of energy
 retired = not working anymore
my passion = my joy; something I love to do

What Happens?

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

	hires • loses • needs • offers • looks			
1.	Césarloses his job at a hardware store.			
2.	César money. He for work in a restaurant and at car audio shops.			
3.	His old boss at the restaurant him a temporary job, but it doesn't start right now.			
4.	The manager of a car audio shop César after César proves his skills.			
	says • talk • meets			
5.	César Simon in a community garden.			
6.	Simon and César about jobs and careers. Simon, "Education is the seed for a career – a good life!"			
	meets • have • helps • learn • teaches • goes			
7.	César to Gabriela's class at the library. He wants to about resumes and interviews.			
8.	Nana Aidoo the students about resumes and interviews.			
9.	César a student named Jian in the class. Jian doesn't an ID card, so César tells him about IDNYC.			
10.	Nana Aidoo tells the students about Workforce1. It is a free service that			
	people find out about careers.			

Where Is It?

Find these things in the story. Write the page number. Follow the example.



1.	keys	page 1
2.	fly swatter on a wall	page
3.	two flower pots on a sidewalk	page
4.	César's paintings	page
5.	community garden sign	page
6.	jar of seeds	page
7.	piece of chalk	page
8.	useful things to say in an interview	page
9.	Workforce1 web address	page
10.	IDNYC sign	page

Talking about Work

Definitions I



1. career		things you can do; your abilities	
2. resume		your work history	
3. skills		a document with your work history and related information	
4. work experience		a meeting with an employer when you apply for a job	
5. interview1		a job with benefits and opportunities for growth	

6.	job description		a job that has fewer hours than a full-time job
7. 8.	salary minimum wage	6	a short summary of the things you do in a job
9.	benefits		advantages and services
10. part-time job			the lowest amount of money for an hour of work according to state law
			the money you earn; your wages;

Talking about Work Dialogue I

Complete the sentences. Follow the example. Find the meaning. Follow the example.

seed • career • experience • community garden resume • training • part-time

César:	Do you own all of this land?	
Simon:	No. This is a (1) <u>community garden</u> . It belongs to the community.	
César:	l like that! (César introduces himself.) I'm César.	
Simon:	Nice to meet you, César. My name is Simo of the garden. What do you do for a living	•
César:	Good question. I just lost a job at a hardw (2) job, putting in ca back to work at a restaurant. I am always another. I am tired of it. I want a (3)	r radios. I am also going going from one job to
Simon:	Have you gone back to school or done an	y career
César:	No.	
Simon:	What are you waiting for? You have to plate to grow Education is the (5) a good life! You are going to need a (6)	for a career—
César:	What do you put on a resume?	
Simon:	Oh, you know Your work (7) A person with your experience can make	

Talking about Work Definitions II

Find the meaning. Follow the examples.

1. career training	 a free career counseling service in New York City
2. career counseling	 learning skills for a career
3. Workforce1	 someone who hires employees
4. apply	 when an employer gives you a job
5. hire	 complete an application for a job or service
6. employer	 getting advice about entering and growing in a career

7.	handshake	 looking in the eyes of another person
8.	eye contact	 someone who works well in a group
9.	healthcare,	 persuade someone to do something
	medical billing, hospitality and security	 say something specific that shows what you mean
10.	give an example	 a greeting with your right hand when you introduce yourself to someone
11.	team player	 four examples of career fields with
12.	convince someone	many job opportunities in NYC

Talking about Work Dialogue II

Complete the sentences. Follow the example.

	rview <u>eye contact</u> team convince quick ployer worker apply problem example
Nana Aidoo:	In a job interview, you introduce yourself with a strong handshake and a smile. You make (1)eve_contact You look at the person when you introduce yourself. You don't look down or look away. Okay What are some things you can say in an interview to sell yourself—to (2) an employer to give you a job?
César:	I will say I'm a (3) learner.
Nana Aidoo:	Wonderful, César. But the (4) will ask you to give an example. So, César, can you give me an (5) of when you learned something quickly on a job?
César:	Yes. In my job, I put radios into cars. The other day, I had to put in a new kind of radio. I asked my coworker to show me and I learned very fast.
Nana Aidoo:	Good! These are some other things you can say in a job
	(6) Remember to give examples like Cesar did.
Nina:	I'm a good (7) solver.
Diego:	I'm a good (8) player.
Jenny:	I'm a very hard (9)
lda:	I don't know where to (10) or what kind of job to look for.
Nana Aidoo:	At the library career center, you can learn about hospitality, security, medical billing, health care—lots of careers.

Talking about Resumes

What do you put on a resume? What do you not put on a resume? Look at the list below and make two new lists. Follow the examples.



a picture of yourself companies you have worked for

how many children you have the country you come from job titles at each job duties at each job

Put on a Resume

when you had each job
the location of each job
your marital status
your schools and training
your sexual orientation
volunteer work you have done

your age
foods you like to eat
languages you speak
your religion
your email address
your phone number

■ Do Not Put on a Resume

companies you have worked for	a picture of yourself

Good Question!

Choose a good question. Follow the example.



1. You are César. You are searching for a job and you want to know if there are any job openings. You ask a manager:

Are you hiring?

- 2. You speak with a manager who isn't hiring right now, but you want her to contact you when there is an opening. You ask:
- 3. You want to know how much a job pays. You ask:
- 4. You want to know what benefits a company offers. You ask:
- 5. You are hired and you want to know when the job starts. You ask:
- 6. You want to know the work schedule. You ask:

What Can You Say?

You have a job interview. An employer asks you, "Why should I hire you?" What can you say? Nana has some great ideas for you.



1. You always work hard.

I'm a hard worker.

- 2. You learn things in a short time.
- 3. People follow what you do and say.
- 4. You speak well in front of a group.
- 5. You can do many things at the same time.
- 6. You take the time to hear what other people say.
- **7.** You know how to fix problems.
- 8. You work very well with other workers.

What Can You Do?

Match the problem with the best solution. Follow the example.

Problem

You are not sure what career would be good for you, and you want help writing a resume too.
 You do not have an ID card.
 You started college in your home country and you want help applying for college here.
 You want to get a High School Equivalency diploma.
 You have an idea for a business but you need help to start it.

Solution

- A. The City University of New York (CUNY)
 Welcome Center offers help applying
 to CUNY. Get more information at:
 http://www2.cuny.edu/admissions/
 undergraduate/welcomecenter/
 Also, you can call 1-800-CUNY-YES.
 Tell them you want help applying
 for college.
- with resumes at the library. Call 311 to find a library career center near you.

 Workforce1 also has career counseling and provides help with resumes.

 Find a Workforce1 center near you at: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/careers/careers.page. When you go

- to Workforce1, bring an ID card. Also, bring a resume if you have one.
- C. You can get good information about starting a business at: https://www1.nyc.gov/site/sbs/ businesses/businesses.page
- D. You can get an IDNYC card, and it has many benefits. Go to www.nyc.gov/ idnyc to make an appointment for your free IDNYC. Remember, immigration status does not matter to get an IDNYC.
- E. Find a free High School Equivalency program at: nyc.gov/findaclass

Who says it?

Watch the Show Who says it?

Watch The Seed for a Good Life. Listen carefully.

Find out who says these lines.

1.	"You were tired of that place anyway."	
2.	"What about my brother? He's quiet. He must be sleeping."	
3.	"Remember, commission is 50 percent. So, if I sell one for \$50, you'll get \$25."	
4.	"If they like what I do, they'll give me the job."	
5.	"I'm growing some cabbage, turnips and tomatoes. The seeds have been in my family for a very long time."	
6.	"I'm ready for a change."	
7.	"I should remember that line the next time I have a job interview."	
8.	"Practice these lines at home. Prepare an example for everything you say."	
9.	"Can I see your resume, please?"	
10.	"Love is blind."	







Xio









César

Simon

Nana

Gene

Gabriela

customer

Watch the Show What's going on?

What do you think is going on in this picture?



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to find out what is going on.
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Tell the Story

Use these words to tell a friend about The Seed for a Good Life.



L.	Find the names of seven characters.	3.	Find two places for career counseling and help finding jobs.
	1		1
	2	_	2
	3	_	
	4	4.	Find the free ID card for all
	5	_	New Yorkers.
	6	_	
	7	5.	Find six languages.
2.	Find four things you can put		1
•	on a resume.		2
	1		3
	2	-	4
	3	_	5
	Δ		6

Dictionary: Translations of Key Words

English	Español	中文	
1. benefits	beneficios (beneficios laborales)	福利(工作福利)	
2. career	carrera profesional	职业	
3. career counseling	consejería sobre carrera profesional	职业咨询	
4. career training	capacitación de carrera profesional	职业培训	
5. community garden	jardín comunitario	社区花园	
6. discrimination	discriminación	歧视	
7. employer	empleador	雇主	
8. IDNYC	Documento de Identidad de la Ciudad de Nueva York (IDNYC, según sus siglas en inglés)	纽约市民卡 (IDNYC)	
9. job interview	entrevista de empleo	工作面试	
10. minimum wage	salario mínimo	最低工资	
11. resume	currículo vitae	简历	
12. Workforce1	Workforce1 (Servicio que prepara y conecta a candidatos calificados a oportunidades de trabajo en la Ciudad de Nueva York)	Workforce1 (为合格候选人 准备和联系在纽约市 工作机会的一项服务)	

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Русский	বাংলা	العربية
льготы (для работников)	বেনিফিট (চাকরি সংক্রান্ত বেনিফিট)	الاستحقاقات (استحقاقات الموظفين)
карьера	কর্মজীবন	المهنة
консультирование по вопросам трудоустройства и выбора профессии	কর্মজীবন সংক্রান্ত পরামর্শ	الاستشارات المهنية
профессиональная подготовка	কর্মজীবনের প্রশিক্ষণ	التدريب المهني
общинный сад	কমিউনিটির বাগান	الحديقة الأهلية
дискриминация	বৈষম্য	التمييز
работодатель	নিয়োগকর্তা	صاحب العمل
карта IDNYC (удостоверение жителя Нью-Йорка)	IDNYC	بطاقة الهوية الشخصية لمدينة نيويورك
собеседование	চাকরির ইন্টারভিউর	مقابلة شخصية
минимальная зарплата	ন্যূনতম পারিশ্রমিক	الحد الأدنى للأجر
резюме	জীবনপঞ্জী	سيرة ذاتية
Workforce1 служба (при Департаменте поддержки малого бизнеса с сетью центров по трудоустройству)	Workforce 1 (যোগ্য কর্মপ্রার্থীদের চাকরির সুযোগ সন্ধানের পরিষেবা)	(مركز التوظيف قوة العمل Workforce1 (1

What You Can Do To Find a Job or Get Career Training



César

If you need help finding a job, visit a Library Career Center. If you are authorized to work, take your ID card and visit a **Workforce1** center. If you need help finding benefits like unemployment assistance, visit **Access NYC** online or **call 311**.



Simon

Do you want to go back to school to study for a career? You can find continuing education opportunities at The City University of New York at www2.cuny.edu/academics/cpe/. Some are free and some have a fee. Find out if you are eligible for financial aid too.



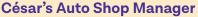
Nana

When you share your contact information, make sure your email address sounds professional, not personal. And your voicemail message should sound professional too.



Auto Shop Manager

Don't be afraid to call back if you leave your contact information at places where you would like to work. Sometimes managers get busy and it's good to remind them that you are serious about a job.



I like employees who can describe their strengths and who are not afraid to learn new things. Good customer service is important too.



Flor (the restaurant manager)

Learn to describe your transferable skills. Transferable skills are skills you use in one job that you can also use in a new job.



Gabriela

You can find a free English program near you. Call 311 or go to www.nyc.gov/FindAClass.

If you need more help, visit your local library.



Xio

My dad has a motto for success. It's "Education is the seed for a good life." What's *your* motto?



Jian

You can use your IDNYC card at any public library. You can use your IDNYC card to get many moneysaving benefits and benefits for your family. Find information about IDNYC benefits online at www.nyc. gov/idnyc, or call 311 to find out where to get your IDNYC.



Answers

Who We Are

- 1. César
- 2. Gabriela
- 3. Xio
- 4. Flor
- 5. manager
- 6. Simon
- 7. Nana
- 8. Jian
- 9. Workforce1 staff member

What Happens

- 1. loses
- 2. needs, looks
- 3. offers
- 4. hires
- 5. meets
- 6. talk, says
- 7. goes, learn
- 8. teaches
- 9. meets, have
- 10. helps

Where Is It?

- 1. page 1
- 2. page 1
- 3. page 2
- 4. page 4
- 5. page 5
- 6. page 6
- 7. page 8
- 8. page 10
- 9. page 11
- 10. page 12

Talking about Work: Definitions I

- 1. a job with benefits and opportunities for growth
- 2. a document with your work history and related information
- 3. things you can do; your abilities
- 4. your work history
- 5. a meeting with an employer when you apply for a job
- 6. a short summary of the things you do in a job
- 7. the money you earn; your wages; your pay
- 8. the lowest amount of money for an hour of work according to state law
- 9. advantages and services
- 10. a job that has fewer hours than a full-time job

Talking about Work: Dialogue I

- 1. community garden
- 2. part-time
- 3. career
- 4. training
- 5. seed
- 6. resume
- experience

Talking about Work: Definitions II

- 1. learning skills for a career
- 2. getting advice about entering and growing in a career
- 3. a free career counseling service in New York City
- 4. complete an application for a job or service
- 5. when an employer gives you a job
- 6. someone who hires employees
- 7. a greeting with your right hand when you introduce yourself to someone
- 8. looking in the eyes of another person
- 9. four examples of career fields with many job opportunities in NYC
- 10. say something specific that shows what you mean
- 11. someone who works well in a group
- 12. persuade someone to do something

Talking about Work: Dialogue II

- 1. eye contact
- 2. convince
- 3. quick
- 4. employer
- 5. example
- 6. interview
- 7. problem
- 8. team
- 9. worker
- 10. apply

Talking about Resumes

Put on a Resume

companies you have worked for job titles at each job duties at each job when you had each job the location of each job

your schools and training volunteer work you have done languages you speak your email address your phone number

Do Not Put on a Resume

a picture of yourself how many children you have the country you come from vour marital status your sexual orientation your age foods you like to eat your religion

Good Question!

- 1. Are you hiring?
- 2. Can I leave my resume with you?
- 3. How much is the pay?
- 4. What are the benefits?
- 5. When can I start?
- 6. What are the hours?

What Can You Say?

- 1. I'm a hard worker.
- 2. I'm a quick learner.
- 3. I'm a leader.
- 4. I'm a good public speaker.
- 5. I'm a good multitasker.
- 6. I'm a good listener.
- I'm a good problem solver.
- 8. I'm a good team player.

What Can You Do?

1. B 4. E 2. D 5. C

3. A

Watch the Show: Who says it?

1. Gabriela 6. César 7. customer 2 Xio 8. Nana 3. Gene

9. César 4. César 5. Simon 10. Gabriela

Tell the Story

- 1. César, Gabriela, Xio, Flor, Simon, Nana, Jian
- 2. experience, skills, education, languages (There are other correct answers.)
- 3. library, Workforce1
- 4. IDNYC
- 5. Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, Russian, Spanish, English

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