

Before You Watch

Discussion Questions

1. How many streets do think there are in New York City?
2. How many neighborhoods are there in New York City?
3. Do you have a favorite neighborhood? What do you like about it?
4. Do you like exploring different neighborhoods? What do you like about it?
5. What can you learn from exploring different neighborhoods?
6. Let's talk a little more about learning and education. There are different kinds of learning—learning from the world outside (on the street, at work...) and learning in the classroom, in schools. Before our class, how many of you went to school in New York City? What was the experience like? Was it similar or different from school in your country? How was it similar or different?
7. Were there people from different countries and cultures in your school?
8. How did you find a school? How did you enroll?

Okay, let's watch the episode. The title is *Crossing the Street*. In the video, the characters learn in different ways. They learn from the real world outside of school, and in the school system too. They cross the street from one neighborhood to another. Let's watch and cross the street with them.

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Pre-K

Martin wants to find a great Pre-K for his daughter.

- What does he learn about Pre-K at the Family Welcome Center? Why do you think Martin wants to enroll Isabel at a Pre-K with a lot of Spanish-speaking families? What does Martin do before he enrolls Isabel in the Sunrise Pre-K? What fears does he overcome? How does he overcome them?

Pursuing a Career/Informational Interview

Lian wants to be a Pre-K teacher in the future. In the beginning of the episode, she tells her aunt that she is going to speak with the director of a Pre-K. She says it's not a job interview.

- What kind of interview is it? What does Lian learn from the interview with Ms. Lin? Have you ever had an informational interview? What did you learn from the experience?

Balancing Work and Education

Lian works in her aunt and uncle's bakery. She likes baking, but she wants to become a teacher. Her aunt and uncle support her career goals.

- What are your career goals? Who supports you in reaching your goals? How do they support you? Do you support anyone to help them reach goals? How do you support them?

Family Engagement in School

Lian brings her uncle into her Pre-K to teach the children a little Chinese. Martin goes to his daughter's Pre-K to show the children some Mexican toys and games.

- How do you think Uncle Chen and Martin benefit from these experiences? How do you think the children benefit? In your opinion, what is the role of a parent in a child's education?

Crossing the Street

- Why do you think the episode is called *Crossing the Street*? What kinds of borders do Martin and Lian cross in the episode?