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My name is Sue.

I work in a restaurant.

I am a cook.

**I am a cook in a fancy restaurant
in Manhattan.**



This is my coworker, Abdul.

He is a waiter in the restaurant.

He is a hard worker and a good friend.

We are a real team here.



This is our coworker, Jorge.

He is also a waiter in the restaurant.

**This month, he is
“Employee of the Month.”**

**Jorge gets a free dinner
because he is “Employee of the Month.”**



Jorge has a date with Sophie.

It is their first date.

They go to Jorge's restaurant for the free dinner.

**But, Jorge doesn't tell Sophie that
he works at the restaurant.**

Jorge pretends to be a customer.



Sophie looks very beautiful.

I think she likes Jorge.

Jorge is happy, but he is also nervous.

He wants to impress Sophie.



Suddenly, Jorge runs into the kitchen.

He says,

“I need your help!

Sophie wants to know the name of my bank.

I don’t have a bank!”



**Abdul says,
“Don’t worry.
Tell her you have a checking account.”**



I want Jorge to make a good impression.

I say,

“Tell her you have two accounts.

A checking account and a savings account.”



Abdul has a better idea.

He says,

“Change the subject!

Don’t talk about business at the dinner table.

You can talk about banks another time.”



**Jorge doesn't have a bank account.
He thinks banks are too complicated.
Abdul offers to help.**



**The next day, Abdul and Jorge
visit banks together.**

They go shopping for a bank account.

Jorge asks the bank manager many questions.



What kind of accounts do you have?

Does it cost me anything to keep my money here?

Do you have an account with no fees?



**The bank manager answers
all of Jorge's questions.**

She is happy to help Jorge.

And Jorge is happy, too.

He learns a lot about banks.



For example, he learns about FDIC.

**That is the
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.
The FDIC protects your money in a bank.
It's important to look for the FDIC sign.**



I am happy for Jorge.

He has a new girlfriend.

He has a good bank.

**Then one day, Jorge comes to the
restaurant with a letter.**

It's an application for a credit card.



Jorge says,
“With this, I can get a credit card.
I don’t have to pretend to be rich.
With a credit card, I can get \$5,000!”



I tell Jorge,
“You can get into trouble with a credit card.
When you buy things on credit,
you have to pay the bill right away.
If you don’t have the money,
they charge you extra.”



**“Before you know it,
a \$200 television costs you \$500 or more!**

Forget the credit card.

Don’t spend more than you have.

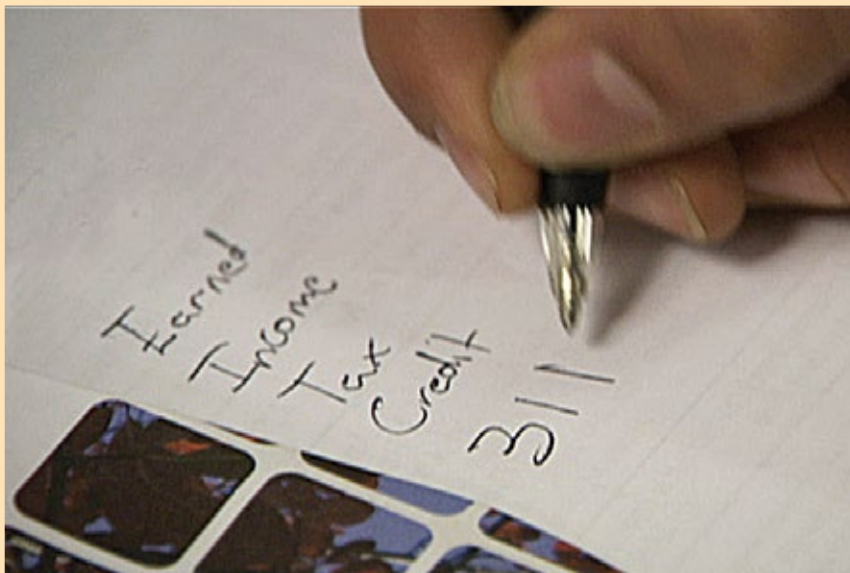
Sophie will love you for who you are.”



**Abdul has information about the
Earned Income Tax Credit.**

**“The Earned Income Tax Credit is a way to
get money back from taxes.**

It’s free. Call 311.”



Jorge takes notes.

He is going to call 311.

**He is going to get more information
about the EITC.**

**Jorge is learning a lot
about managing his money.**



**For their next date, Jorge and Sophie
go on a picnic in Central Park.**

It's not fancy, but it's not expensive either.



**Jorge tells Sophie the truth.
He tells Sophie that he works in a restaurant.
He tells Sophie that he isn't rich!**



**Sophie isn't disappointed.
She says she isn't rich either.
She works in a nail salon.
They are both happy to learn the truth.**



**Like I always say,
we're a team here.**

**We give each other good advice
about love and money.**

Words used in this story

- account: checking account, savings account
- advice
- answer
- application
- ask
- bank, bank manager
- be
- bill
- business
- buy
- call
- change
- charge
- come
- cook
- cost
- coworker
- credit, credit card
- customer
- date
- day
- dinner
- employee
- fees
- forget
- friend, girlfriend
- get
- give
- go
- go shopping
- have
- help
- idea
- impress
- impression
- information
- kitchen
- keep
- know
- letter
- learn
- like
- look
- love
- make
- manage
- money
- month
- nail salon
- name
- notes
- need
- offer
- pay
- picnic
- pretend
- protect
- restaurant
- run
- say
- sign
- spend
- subject
- table
- take
- talk
- taxes
- team
- television
- tell
- think
- trouble
- truth
- visit
- waiter
- want
- work
- worker
- worry

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