

Before You Watch

Discussion Questions

1. The episode we're going to watch today deals with work. Before we meet the characters, let's talk a little bit about our own working lives. How many jobs have you done in your life—paying jobs and non-paying work such as work at home? Make a list.
2. What are some of the jobs on your list?
3. Do you change jobs often? Or, do you keep a job for a long time? What do you prefer?
4. Let's talk about careers for a minute. What are the differences between a job and a career?
5. How do you get a career? What are the steps?
6. Let's talk about goals. What are your educational goals?
7. What are your work or career goals?
8. Last questions: The title of the episode is *The Seed for a Good Life*. What do you think that means? What do you think the seed for a good life is?

Let's watch the show and plant some seeds.

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Job & Career

César is frustrated going from job to job. He wants a career.

- How do you get a career? What are the differences between a job and a career? What do you need to get a career? What do you learn from César's experience?

Planting the Seeds

At first, César resists going to a career center and taking classes, but he changes his attitude.

- What causes him to change? What does Simon tell César that makes him change his attitude toward education? What seeds are you planting in your life?

Education and Career Goals

- What are your educational and career goals? What steps will you take to achieve your goals? Where can you get help finding an educational program or a career? What services are mentioned in the episode? What other services do you know about?

Anyone—with or without immigration papers—can get help from a Career Center at a library.

To be eligible for career training and recruitment at **Workforce1**, you need to have employment authorization (a work permit) from the federal government.

Career Vocabulary

There are many expressions in English about finding jobs and careers. For example, Nana asks the class, “*What can you say in an interview to sell yourself—to convince an employer to give you a job?*”

- What do you think it means to “sell yourself”? What do you think the expression “soft skills” means? What do you think “hard skills” means? What does the expression “marketable skills and experiences” mean? What marketable skills and experiences do you have?

IDNYC

César and Gabriela tell Jian about IDNYC—an ID card for all New Yorkers, with or without papers.

- What are the benefits of IDNYC? How can you get an IDNYC card?

Community Gardens

- Have you ever grown anything in your home country or here in New York? What and where? What is a community garden? Where is the closest one to your home? How do you become a member?