

PRONOUNS – WHO OR WHAT IS IT?

Starting around the 1940s, Detroit, Michigan, was a thriving city with many jobs and businesses. It was nicknamed "The Motor City" for all the car companies based there.

It was nicknamed....: It means _____

Then, in the 1970s, car companies began failing and leaving town. Buildings sat empty, and many of the city's residents disappeared. The city was falling apart.

Today, there are signs of a comeback. New businesses are coming. Banks, the government and private groups are spending money hoping to help the city recover.

One of the big reasons for Detroit's recent success is its immigrant population.

... its immigrant population: its means _____

Immigrants are people who have moved from one country to another. The city has been trying to attract immigrants to bring new business ideas.

From Africa To Detroit

Hamissi Mamba is one of them. He moved to Detroit, Michigan, from the African country Burundi two years ago. He didn't know much English then.

Now, he has learned English and become a restaurant owner.

He moved to Detroit,... He didn't know much English then.

Now, he has learned English.... He means _____

"This is a dream come true," Mamba says, walking around his new space. "This is going to be Baobab Fare, African restaurant."

"Baobab is a tree, we find it in West Africa," Mamba says. "So, why baobab? Because we came here, the tree grew in the desert and then is healthy and is strong, so we say, 'We are growing in Detroit.'" ***...so we say, ...We are growing in Detroit." We means***

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Winning A \$50,000 Competition

Opening a restaurant costs a lot of money. To open his restaurant, Mamba won a \$50,000 competition sponsored by the group Hatch Detroit. It was a contest where residents voted for the type of business they wanted in their community.

It was a contest....: It means _____

Mamba and his wife showed off their restaurant idea and served food during the contest. They sold out 100 dishes in 30 minutes, he said.

...his wife: his means _____

From there, Mamba got another \$50,000 grant from another group.

"Right now, immigrants are the only growing source of population in the city of Detroit," says Steve Tobocman. He helps lead Global Detroit, a group partly dedicated to helping make poor neighborhoods better by making Detroit nicer for immigrants.

More Immigrants In Michigan

The state was losing population before. Now, Michigan's population has grown by roughly 80,000 since 2010. People from foreign countries make up about 6 of every 100 people in the state, which is higher than nearby states.

Immigrants provide shops and services "that make this community thrive," Tobocman says.

Rezaul Karim is originally from the South Asian country Bangladesh. He runs the small store Everyday Super Discounts, in the community Banglatown. The area has many residents from South Asian countries. *He runs the small store: He means* _____

Karim moved to Detroit partly because of its cheap living costs.*its cheap living costs....its means* _____

He isn't just supplying items for the neighborhood. He's creating jobs.

"Right now, three employees excluding me, all from Bangladesh," Karim says.

These immigrant business owners, like Karim, create even more jobs for the area, Tobocman says. A new store means someone must wash its windows, or get a truck driver. ***A new store means someone must wash its windows: its means***

The Detroit area has also attracted many high-skilled immigrants. One quarter of southeast Michigan's practicing doctors are immigrants, according to research from Global Detroit. Many immigrant engineers are attracted by automotive engineering jobs in the area.

Job Seekers Become Job Creators

Eventually, many job seekers become job creators. One of these is Tel Ganesan, who is originally from India.

Ganesan is the founder of Kyyba. It is an information technology company with 600 employees in the United States and 100 in India.

It is an information technology company: It means

He strongly believes in the importance of immigrants to the United States' success.

He strongly believes in....: He means

"We have to first ask the question: 'What made America the greatest nation on planet Earth?'" Ganesan says.

We have to first ask the question....: We means

"Because we are a melting pot, because we brought the best of the best from all around the globe and we put them all together, he said. "And that is our strength, that will always be America's strength. Look at all the major companies that are created by the immigrants."

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