

Aufgabe: Hör dir den Text genau an und fülle die Lücken mit den fehlenden Wörtern aus. Achte auf die Rechtschreibung!

The story

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Maria Mamá, tell me the story of how you and Papá came to America, please
Mamá.

Mrs Morales Again?

Maria Yes, again, please ... por favor.

Mrs Morales OK, OK. Well, your Papá and I were born in a little village in Mexico. Our families were very poor ... and we met one day at a village fiesta – when I was years old and your Papá was sixteen, and we fell in ...

Maria You loved Papá very much, right?

Mrs Morales Yes, bebita, I loved him very much ...

Maria And he loved you, so you married, right?

Mrs Morales Right. When I was 17 and he was 18 we married. We loved our village ... and we loved our ...

Maria Mexico!

Mrs Morales Yes, Mexico. But there was no work for Papá or for me. We had no . Sometimes there was not enough to eat. We wanted a home and a family but with no money ...

Maria No home and no family!

Mrs Morales Right. We wanted to come to the United States of America, to California, because we knew there was work here. So we traveled through Mexico to the border.

Maria It was very , right, mamá?

Mrs Morales That's right, very dangerous. And the Americans wouldn't let us come the border. So we paid a lot of money to a man who showed us how we could cross.

Maria The coyote! Gr-owww-owww-owww-gr.

Mrs Morales Yes, we call men like him coyotes. They took all our money and one dark night, when there was no moonlight, we went with him to the border. The American border guards patrol every night – they drive up and down along the border and and listen. And if they see anything or hear anything they put on big lights and they look for the people – illegal from Mexico. So, if you cross as an illegal immigrant you have to be very, very careful and ...

Maria Shhhhh ...

Mrs Morales Yes, you have to be very quiet. We walked a long way to the border, and then [redacted] we heard a truck – it was a border patrol. We hid behind some rocks and waited ... they stopped. We didn't make a sound. We could hear the border guards walking around. Then they got back into their truck and drove away. We walked on and ... a few minutes later we crossed over the border and we were in California.

Maria And then you found work.

Mrs Morales Yes, then we found work. There were a lot of illegal immigrants in California and they [redacted] us. They told us where we could get work. They said: 'Go to the fruit farms. They will give you a job for a day. And the next day they will give you a job for a day again. Always a job for just a day, but they will give you work and they will pay you.' So we went straightaway to a fruit farm and we got work – very [redacted]. There were no questions asked and right away we had day jobs. And then we were very, very lucky. Just a few months after we arrived in California the President gave all illegal immigrants an amnesty ...

Maria An amnesty!

Mrs Morales And the amnesty meant that we got papers – we were allowed to stay in the USA as legal immigrants. It was a great day for us. It meant we could get real jobs – not just day jobs, real jobs – we could start to [redacted] money for a home and for a family. Papá got a job at the fruit farm and I got a job in a big house. We worked very hard and we saved and saved and we found a little house and then – 14 years ago – Luis arrived ...

Maria ... and then Diego ... and then me!

Mrs Morales Right! And we were very happy, with no [redacted].

Maria ... and then Papá was killed ...

Mrs Morales Yes. Then Papá was killed in that [redacted] ...

But we are OK, aren't we?

Maria Yes, we are OK, Mamá.

Mrs Morales And now I have to go to work.

Maria Aw, Mamá ...