

A LIFETIME DREAM

A high school student from Sudan and a teacher from China talk about their hopes for the future.

Hicham Nassir

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Seventeen-year-old Hicham Nassir is getting ready for a soccer match with his teammates. Hicham, a student and his school's best player, is a native of Sudan. He now lives in London with his family.

"My parents are worried. They want me to go to college and major in business or law," he explains. "They want me to get a job as a lawyer or work as a businessman. I understand them, but I want to become a pro soccer player. This summer, I'm going to practice really hard every day."

And what about his parents? "I hope they change their minds,"¹ says Hicham. "I want to play soccer professionally. It's my dream."

Yi Wang

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"At the moment, I'm teaching chemistry at a university in Beijing. It's a good job, but my dream is to make films," says 29-year-old Yi Wang. "In China, young artists move to Beijing from all over the country. Many of them are painters, writers, and actors. I'd like to take some time off and make a film about their lives and their work."

Wang is writing a film now with help from her friends. But it isn't easy. "At the moment, the biggest problem is money," explains Wang. "We don't have much."

But this isn't going to stop Wang and her partners. They are ambitious. "First, we're going to make this movie. Then we'd like to show it in China and, maybe someday, at film festivals around the world. It's going to take time, but I think we can do it."

¹If you *change your mind*, you change your opinion about something.

Read for details. Read the passage again and complete the chart.

	Wang	Hicham
1. Where does he or she live?		
2. What does he or she do?		
3. What is his or her goal?		
4. What's stopping him or her?		

Scan for information. Quickly find each of the activities below in the reading. Is the person doing it now? Check (✓) *N*. Is it the person's future goal? Check *F*.

Yi Wang

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| 1. teach at a university | N ☐ | F ☐ |
| 2. write a film | N ☐ | F ☐ |
| 3. go to film festivals | N ☐ | F ☐ |

Hicham Nassir

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| 4. live in London | N ☐ | F ☐ |
| 5. play professional soccer | N ☐ | F ☐ |
| 6. practice every day | N ☐ | F ☐ |