

TOPIC: Taxes, Law and Community Issues
Unit 9: Dealing with Taxes

Tshombe, an African immigrant, operates a sidewalk lemonade stand on a busy street. He seeks advice from a tax consultant after receiving notification from the IRS about the tax form he had filed. He must make a choice between declaring his correct income or lying about it to avoid paying extra taxes.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
container taxes amazing audit receipt discount merchandise offer permit charity claim deduction dependent fine honest income owe punish report subtract	Nouns: Count nouns (containers, receipts, etc.) Non-count nouns (merchandise, water, etc.) Plural forms	Specifying quantities Making offers Answering yes/no questions Explaining something in a letter	Identifying resources for help with taxes Understanding basic concepts regarding U.S. income tax forms Scanning lists of business expenses for details Using basic math skills to determine prices and/or quantities Drawing conclusions from context

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Unit 10: Dealing with the Law

Tshombe needs to have his lemonade stand open longer than his municipal permit allows in order to make more money for the extra taxes that he owes. When he refuses to close down at 5:00 p.m., he gets into a serious argument with a police officer.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
allowed choice doomed extra hurry luck officer usual vendor voice arrest cart citation cooperate identification leave make a living motion provide unbelievable	Quantifiers: “much,” “many,” “some,” “a few,” “any,” “a lot of”, “a little”	Expressing quantities Making predictions Summarizing a conversation Using appropriate language with police officers	Identifying appropriate behavior with police Understanding Miranda Rights Reading an informational flyer for details Drawing conclusions

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Unit 11: Discussing Community Issues

After meeting with the police and a city official, Tshombe and Joe try to organize their fellow street vendors to defend their rights. A shop owner wants them to leave her street and has arranged for a public hearing to be held.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
discuss issue appointment nervous aggressive merchant jail unsafe chance cause media organize informed support powerful selfish silly quiet voters leaders	Singular expressions of quantity: one, another, other	Persuading others Agreeing and disagreeing Participating in a group discussion, meeting Stating and supporting an opinion	Collaborating with neighbors to solve community issues Identifying local resources to get informed Identifying ways to challenge existing procedures and policies Using a weekly planner to get organized

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Unit 12: Civic Participation

Tshombe appears at a court hearing to defend the street vendors' rights to sell their merchandise. He must produce documented evidence to support his case.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
reporter petition stand illegal drugs goods signature belong to faint prove represent corrupt hazard unusual crime ridiculous steal lazy forgive defend	Object pronouns Indefinite pronouns: someone, anyone, everyone, no one	Asking interview questions of others Expressing an opinion Turn taking in a discussion or meeting Stating a case and giving supporting arguments	Interviewing others Creating strategies to solve community problems Defending your case in a formal meeting Providing evidence for an argument Reading a meeting agenda