

TOPIC: Parenting and Workplace Roles
Unit 13: Parenting in the United States

Marta, a single working mother, feels that her teenage daughter, Viviana, is becoming disrespectful and wants to send her to live with relatives in Mexico. Viviana, on the other hand, feels that her mother does not understand her and will not listen to her problems.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
agree counselor curfew dating deserve discipline disobey disrespectful fired gifted favor let midnight miserable mistake patience permission picked ride volunteer	Adjectives	Refusing Inquiring about problems Giving Advice Disagreeing politely	Recognizing the importance of good communication between parents and children Defining the qualities of good parents Informing someone about a future work absence Scanning an informational flyer for details Drawing conclusions and making predictions

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Unit 14: Women's Changing Roles

Benjamin, Marta's ex-husband, loses his job and faces an eviction from his apartment. He wants to move in with Marta and Viviana and promises to do the cleaning, cooking, shopping, and all household duties while Marta is at work.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
absent all right change enough eviction genius guy joke message promise reason rule seldom solve strange surprise topic tough wonderful worry	Adverbs of Frequency	Expressing frequency of actions Persuading others Making promises about the future	Reading a utility bill for specific information Comparing and stating differences in women's roles in two countries. Identifying and listing responsible behaviors at work and in the home

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Unit 15: Women's Work Issues

Marta struggles with sexual harassment from her supervisor who will drop charges, which he has falsely placed against her, if she consents to go out on a date with him.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
behavior believe bother brilliant (smart) comment concentrate coworker deal despicable diligently exchange guilty harassment hide invitation literacy misunderstanding proper reach unwanted	Adverbs of Manner	Describing how actions are performed Refusing Making conditional statements about the future Drawing conclusions about double-meaning comments	Identifying and describing examples of workplace sexual harassment Recognizing sexual harassment as a crime and learning how to report it Filling out a sexual harassment complaint form

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Unit 16: Women in Non-traditional Roles

Marta, a single, working mother of a teenaged daughter, is offered the position of manager at work. Shortly after she accepts the new job, Marta must face the possibility of firing Dora, her best friend. Dora has not been able to keep up production ever since the new written instructions have been circulated, but refuses to admit that she is illiterate.

Key Vocabulary	Grammar	Language Functions	Workplace / Life Skills
non-traditional brave handle used to position accounts politics leadership complicated emotional stressful purpose loyal employee exceed ambitious fail grateful illiterate adapt	Comparative and superlative forms of adjectives	Comparing abilities Stating and supporting an opinion Negotiating	Accepting women in positions of leadership Defining the qualities of good leaders and good workers Recognizing the importance of literacy Reading a work order form for details