

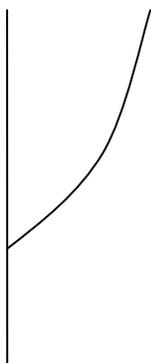
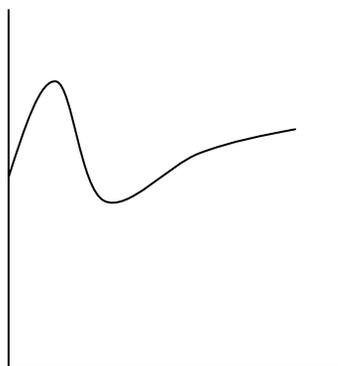
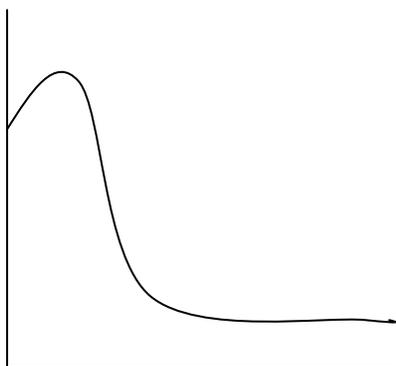
Topic: Employment
(IOM, Overseas Processing Entity, Nepal)

Activity: Reasons to Get a Job

Objectives	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advantages of taking any job, no matter how basic• Reasons to start working as soon as possible
Lesson Time	15 minutes
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Handouts of a refugee story (see sample provided)• Life story graphs (see samples provided)
Practice	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ask participants to brainstorm the advantages of taking <i>any</i> job in the U.S. Ensure the most obvious things such as livelihood (food, shelter, clothing) are included, but also things such as improving English, self-respect, making friends, etc.2. Divide participants into small groups to read the story of the Bhutanese refugee.
Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• What did you find out about Binod? How did his life pass in the U.S.?• What benefits did he get in taking his first job offered in the U.S.?• What would you do if you were in Binod's place? Why?• What did you learn from this activity?• Which graph represents the life story of Binod in the U.S.? Why do you think so?

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Life Story Graphs:



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A Story of a Bhutanese Refugee

Binod Katuwal was a Bhutanese refugee. He was living in Sanischare Refugee Camp, Nepal for 17 years. He was a teacher in the camp. Though he was a teacher, his work-related English was not good and he had no other technical skills. By IOM's third-country resettlement process, he went to Syracuse, New York, in the United States of America on the 7th of August, 2008. Binod was a hard worker and was ready to take any kind of job in the U.S. He knew that public assistance was temporary. Two months after his arrival, Binod was offered a job as a dishwasher in a hotel. This was a very low-paying job: just enough to pay his rent and buy food. However, he was a fast learner and he worked very efficiently. As time went by, his English improved and he made a lot of new friends. After one month, Binod's boss came to him and said, "I have been watching you for a month. You are a good worker. You are efficient," and made Binod a doorman, a better job than his first one.



After six months, because of his working experience in the United States, Binod found a job as cashier in a restaurant. One day, he made called his best friend, Harka, who lived in the Sanischare Refugee Camp.

Harka: "Hi, Binod! How are you doing there? Are you still feeling depressed?"

Binod: "No, I am good right now. Initially, I was feeling lonely but now I have many good friends. We work together in the same restaurant. Now I have a job as a cashier. I am feeling satisfied. My friends also respect me because of my job. You know, U.S. society respects self-reliance."

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