

Topic: Employment

Activity: Taking Pride in Your Work: A Lesson Plan for Use With Bhutanese Refugees

Objectives	Participants will be able to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ describe why taking pride in your work in the United States is important for your emotional well-being✓ describe why taking pride in your work can provide opportunities to move up in the U.S. workforce✓ identify things to be proud of in entry-level jobs
Lesson Time	35 minutes
Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Bhutanese Refugees in the United States</i> (http://www.cal.org/co/videos/Bhutanese/Bhutanese.html)• Internet access, laptop, projector, and screen, or DVD, television, and DVD player• Flipchart paper, markers, tape• Printed images of entry-level employment, 1-2 per small group (included)• Writing implements and paper, 1 per small group• Prepared flipchart with the quote: <i>I found that you don't necessarily need to speak English as long as you take pride in your work and work very hard. If you prove yourself to them, then you will find that many people like you. People are very kind to the Bhutanese here and we take pride in that.</i>
Introduction	Divide participants into small groups of 3-4. Tell participants: <i>Employers value hard work in the United States, often above anything else. You can learn English and various skills through practice, classes, and trainings. But working hard and finding things to enjoy and be proud of will allow you to be happier, and will make your employer more impressed with your work. This often leads to opportunities for promotion and good recommendations for future jobs.</i>
Viewing Activities	Show the entire group the quote spoken by Dilu Rai from 7:13-7:56 from <i>Bhutanese Refugees in the United States</i> , discussing the importance of working hard even when you cannot speak English.
Practice	Hang the prepared flipchart with Dilu Rai's quote on the wall so all groups can see it. Distribute a piece of paper, a writing implement, and 1-2 images of entry-level positions to each group. In their small groups, participants discuss the type of employment displayed in the picture(s), and what their tasks might be in a position like that. Then participants brainstorm things to be proud of in that position. Bring the large group together. Have a spokesperson from each group briefly describe

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Discussion Questions

the position's work, and ways to be proud of the work. Record these on a flipchart.

After all groups have presented, note the similarities and differences between the group notes on things to be proud of in different entry-level positions. Ask participants if there could be more overlap between possible things to be proud of in the different positions.

- How might early employment help you learn English?
- Why is taking pride in your work important to U.S. employers? Why might it be important to you?
- What are some things you might be proud of in some entry-level positions in the United States?

Key English Vocabulary

class

hard work

skills

training

employer

opportunity

to practice

entry-level job

promotion

to take pride in

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Entry-level employment images for small group work



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