





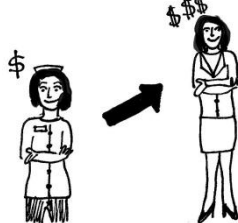

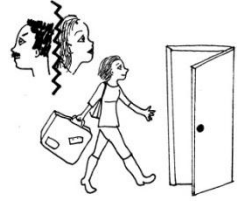





Yes, You Can



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<p>1.</p>  <p>Luz* is a little girl who lives in Mexico. She suffers from domestic violence in her home. Her father hits her mother.</p>	<p>2.</p>  <p>Luz grows up with domestic violence. She gets married and says, "I will never permit domestic violence."</p>	<p>3.</p>  <p>After 3 months of marriage, her husband starts to hit and abuse her.</p>
<p>4.</p>  <p>He hits and abuses her for 15 years.</p>	<p>5.</p>  <p>Finally, Luz thinks, "I need to escape. I want independence. I want a job."</p>	<p>6.</p>  <p>Luz gets a job as a seamstress in a factory.</p>
<p>7.</p>  <p>She is a good worker. She gets a promotion and gets more money.</p>	<p>8.</p>  <p>She also becomes the union leader for her factory.</p>	<p>9.</p>  <p>Luz becomes more independent and confident. Finally, she separates from her husband.</p>
<p>10.</p>  <p>She comes to the California to be with her family.</p>	<p>11.</p>  <p>Now, Luz takes English classes with SBCC Continuing Education. She also gets her elementary school certificate. She plans to get her secondary school certificate, too.</p>	<p>12.</p>  <p>Luz says, "It is possible to overcome your problems."</p>

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1. Vocabulary

Write the word next to the picture.

domestic violence

hit

escape

seamstress

factory

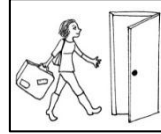
promotion

union leader

confident



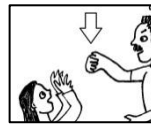
1. **Seamstress**



5. _____



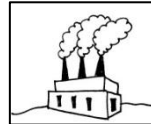
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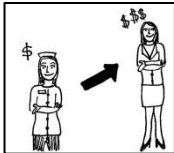
6. _____



3. _____



7. _____



4. _____



8. _____

2. Understanding the story: Read the statements. Write True (T) or False (F).

T Luz suffers from domestic violence in her home.

_____ After 1 month of marriage, Luz's husband starts to hit her and abuse her.

_____ Luz's husband abuses her for 15 years.

_____ Luz gets a job as a babysitter in a factory.

_____ Luz is a good worker.

_____ She leaves her husband and comes to California.

_____ Luz takes Spanish classes at SBCC Continuing Education.

_____ Luz says, "It is possible to overcome your problems."

3. Understanding the story: Writing

First, number the pictures in the correct order. Then write the sentences next to the pictures. Don't forget capitals and periods!

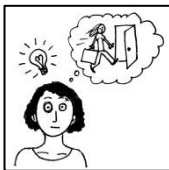
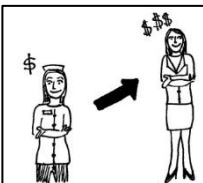
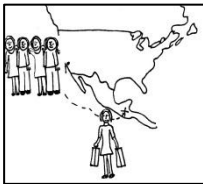
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She comes to California to be with her family.

Luz gets a job as a seamstress in a factory.

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4. Talk about it: Problems and Solutions

Luz has a problem. She finds a solution. In groups, think of solutions for the problems.

Problem	Solution(s)
1. Domestic violence	Call for help. Escape.
2. Financial Problems (no money)	
3. Immigration problems	
4. Health problems	
5. A problem with a student in my class	

5. Help for Domestic Violence

If you or someone you know is suffering from domestic violence, there is help. You can call Domestic Violence Solutions.

Domestic Violence Solutions, P.O. Box 1536
Santa Barbara, CA 93102

(805) 963-4458
24 hour English/Spanish hotline: **(805)964-5245**
<http://www.dvsolutions.org/>

“Hello. I’m calling about a problem with domestic violence. My partner is hitting me and I need help. Can you help me?”

Keep Going! With a partner, practice calling Domestic Violence Solutions. Use the phrases above.