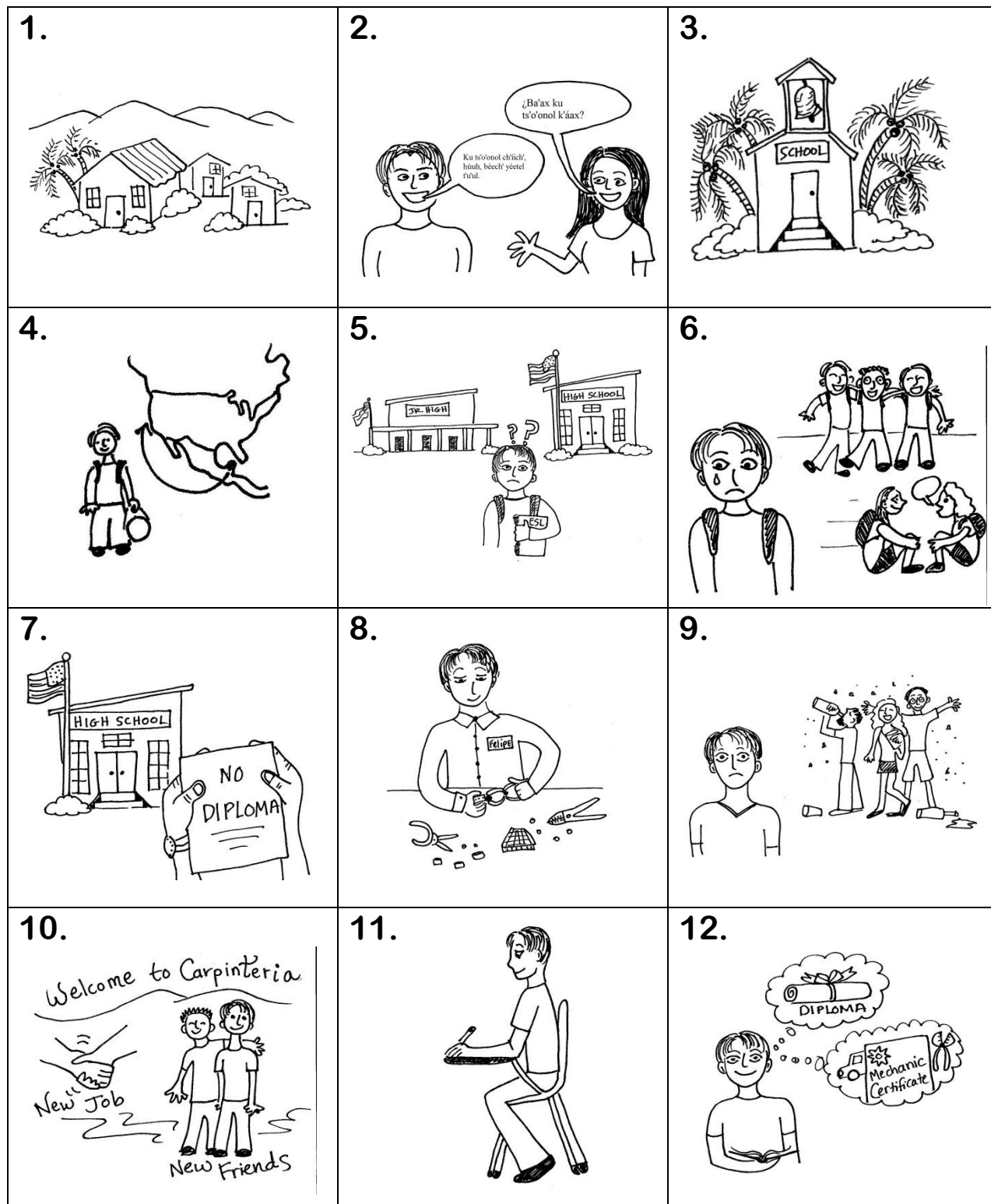












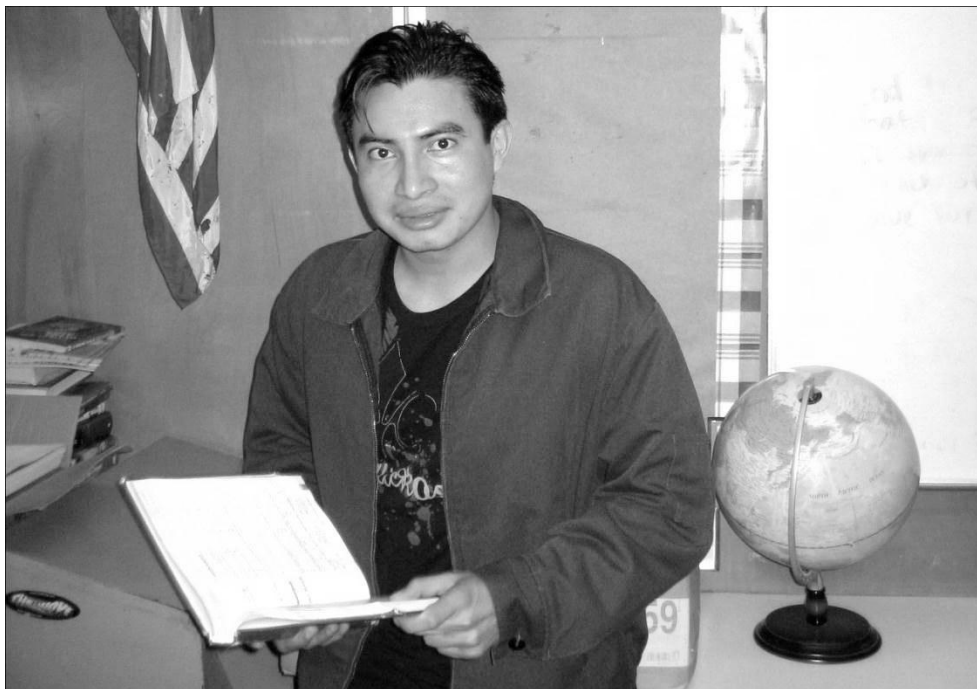
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<p>4.</p>  <p>Felipe comes to the United States in 1998 when he is 12 years old. He moves to Oxnard.</p>	<p>5.</p>  <p>In the United States, he takes bilingual classes in English and Spanish. He is confused. School is very difficult for Felipe.</p>	<p>6.</p>  <p>He is also sad and lonely.</p>
<p>7.</p>  <p>Felipe goes to high school, but doesn't finish. He gives up.</p>	<p>8.</p>  <p>After high school, Felipe moves to Simi Valley and works. He is an electronic assembler.</p>	<p>9.</p>  <p>Felipe's friends like to drink and party. Felipe is not happy with this life. He wants more education.</p>
<p>10.</p>  <p>Felipe wants a change. He moves to Carpinteria and gets a new job. He makes new friends. He likes his new life.</p>	<p>11.</p>  <p>He studies English through SBCC Adult Education. He is a level 5 student at Carpinteria Middle School.</p>	<p>12.</p>  <p>Felipe wants to go to City College and be a mechanic. He feels confident. "Life is beautiful," he says.</p>

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1. Vocabulary

Write the correct word below the picture.

give up

move

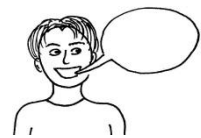
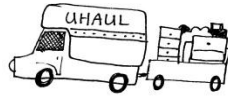
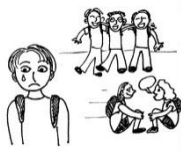
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speak

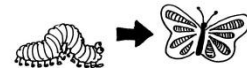
finish

change

electronic assembler



1. lonely 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____



5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____

2. Understanding the Story

Put the story in order. Write the number next to the picture.



He studies English through SBCC Adult Education.



Felipe's friends like to drink and party.



He is an electronic assembler.

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Felipe comes to the United States in 1998 when he is 12 years old.



Felipe wants to go to City College and be a mechanic.



Felipe goes to high school, but doesn't finish.

3. Talk about it!

Read the sentences. Write your answers. Then ask 3 classmates and write their answers.

	<u>Classmate # 1</u>	<u>Classmate # 2</u>	<u>Classmate # 3</u>
1. Felipe is from the Yucatán.			
Where are you from?			
<i>I am from</i> _____.	_____	_____	_____
2. Felipe speaks a Mayan language.			
What do you speak?			
<i>I speak</i> _____.	_____	_____	_____
3. Felipe is an electronic assembler.			
What is your job?			
<i>I am a</i> _____.	_____	_____	_____
4. Felipe takes classes at Carpinteria Middle School.			
Where do you take classes?			
<i>I take classes at</i> _____.	_____	_____	_____
5. Felipe wants to be a mechanic.			
What do you want to be?			
<i>I want to be a</i> _____.	_____	_____	_____

4. Writing

Read the letter from Felipe. Then write a letter back to him.

Dear Student,

My friends only want to party and drink. I want an education. I want new friends. I want a new life.

I feel sad and lonely. What can I do?

Sincerely,

Felipe



Dear Felipe,

You can _____.

You can _____.

You can _____.

You can _____.

Sincerely,



Keep Going! Make a list on the board of your class's ideas for Felipe. Which ideas are the best? Stand up and put a check next to your favorite ideas.