

## CLASS 3A

### **Jesus Aburto**

#### **My Life in New York**

I'm from Mexico. I came to New York in 2007 to visit my uncle and I decided to stay here. New York is a beautiful city. It has nice places to visit and they're interesting.

I used to live in Queens a long time ago but I moved to Brooklyn because I heard it was very cheap to live there, but they were wrong because it's very expensive.

I like to go to the park and see nice people walking, running, and playing sports. I also like to go shopping at the mall and see nice belts and jeans. I really love it.

I've worked as a bartender for a long time. I know a lot of people and how to make drinks. I'm busy working all the time, especially on weekends.

In my family, I have three sisters, my mom, and dad. We are a nice family.

When I have time to hang out, I like to go to the gym and exercise and also sometimes I like to go to restaurants and eat nice food. I usually order taquitos. I like to go dancing but not all the time because it's very expensive and I cannot spend much money.

I wake up every day at 7:00 am and take a shower and after taking a shower I make breakfast and go to school.

Thank God for his blessings!

### **Li Hua Bao**

#### **My Life in New York**

My name is Li Hua. I am from Jiang Xi, China. I came to New York about nine years ago. I have two kids. My kids, my husband, and I live in Brooklyn.

Before I was a housekeeper at Aloft Hotel in Brooklyn. I worked there for two years. At this time I met my best friend. When we have a day off, we go shopping or drink tea together. Sometimes we take the kids to the park or zoo.

Right now I am a housekeeper at Crosby Street Hotel in Manhattan. I've worked for seven months at this hotel. I work in the afternoon and evening. I work from 1:30 pm to 10 pm. I clean rooms every day. Sometimes we need to do projects. We do turndown, we clean hallways, balconies, public areas, and the movie theater. My coworkers are very friendly. They sometimes will help each other. They are mostly Latinos and speak Spanish.

Also I'm taking English classes at University Settlement. Our teacher is very interesting. We do not feel bored in class. We are happy to study here.

### **Crystal Chen**

#### **My One Day**

My name is Li Hua Chen. My classmates call me Crystal. I come from Taishan, China. I have been here for four years. I live in Chinatown. I live with my husband and my daughter. My daughter is 20 months old. She isn't well-behaved.

I don't have free time. I go to the University Settlement Adult Literacy Program to learn English from Monday to Friday. After class I need to go home to take care of my daughter because my husband

must go to work. I cook every day. On Tuesday and Thursday at 11:30 am I like to take my daughter to the library for the Toddler Time Class. After that we go to play in Seward Park. On the weekend I like to take my daughter to my friends' home. I can spend time with my friends and my daughter can play with her little friends. We have a good time.

My daughter doesn't like to sleep. She wakes up early. I cook food for her and I need to play with her. She goes to bed at midnight. After that I can finish my homework.

I need to clean my floor at least five times a day. My daughter likes to throw food on the floor when she eats. Everywhere is a mess. I want to go crazy but I need to clean it.

I want to sleep a lot and I need to sleep a lot, but that is in my dream. I feel I will be crazy every day. But I like to be busy. I love my family.

## **Lina Chen**

### **New York Life**

I have been here for three years. I study English at University Settlement. I usually get up at 8 am. It takes fifteen minutes to have breakfast. I walk to school from Monday to Thursday. After class I go to work. My workplace is near the school. I also walk to work.

I'm a massage therapist. I have eight years' experience in this job. I like my job. I learned how to do this job from my uncle when I was in China. He is a strict man. Sometimes I like him, sometimes I'm afraid of him. But I also learned about massage from him. I'm still very grateful to him. Now I have a good work environment and friendly coworkers. We often go out for a meal after work.

I live in Chinatown and I live alone because my family isn't here, but my relatives are here. I like to play with my nieces. They are three years old and five years old. I usually visit my sister-in-law's home when I have a day off. I like to spend time with my sister-in-law because she teaches me a lot. She often takes me to hang out when she has time. Sometimes I also exercise in my free time. I run on the Manhattan Bridge twice a week. I like the scenery on the bridge because I can see many boats on the water and the playground where my nieces like to play.

I have gotten used to life in New York. I try my best to learn something new although it's hard for me. I got real estate and beauty licenses because I know licenses and English are very important in the U.S. But my English is also not very good. I don't feel confident enough to communicate with my customers and sometimes I need to handle the phone to answer customers' questions.

I hope I can improve my English this term and that I can explain problems in English at work.

## **Song Song Chen**

### **My Life**

My name is Song Song Chen. I am from Taishan, China. I have lived in New York for three years. I like the weather here. There are four seasons in New York. I especially like fall. You can see leaves change different colors.

I have studied English at University Settlement for two years. I get along well with my classmates. They are friendly. Most of them are from China. The teachers are helpful. They have helped me a lot.

I work at a flower shop. I work every day for six hours. I like to create flower arrangements.

In my free time I like to read books. I go to the gym twice a week. And I play badminton four times a week for two hours.

I like to travel. I want to visit some famous places in the U.S. The culture is interesting to me.

I usually get up at 8 am. My class is from 9 to 11. I am lazy. I don't like to cook, wash dishes, or clean. I just clean my apartment once a month.

## **Vincy Chen**

### **My Life in New York**

I am from China. I have lived in New York for about ten years. I live with my husband and my two sons. I am a homemaker. Monday to Friday, I get up at 6:30 am. At 7:30 am, I bring my sons to school then I go back home. We just walk to school every day because the school is close to my house. I usually make breakfast for myself, and I drink coffee every day. I don't put sugar in my coffee. Sometimes I make noodle soup but I often have a steamed bun.

After breakfast I go to my English school. My English class begins at 9:00 am. I have been taking English class for two years. After English class I go to Chinatown to go shopping for food. Sometimes I go to a coffee shop to eat lunch.

I clean my house five times a week. I take a nap for one hour after I clean my house. I do my homework every day. I study English grammar every day for about 45 minutes. I usually cook dinner at 4:00 pm, then I pick up my sons from school at 5:20 pm from Monday to Friday. I read books with my sons for about one hour every night. My sons go to bed at 8:30 pm, but I usually go to bed after 11:00 pm.

Wednesday is my day off because my husband is off that day. I don't need to bring my sons to school, I don't need to pick up my sons from school, I don't need to cook. My husband does all the work. Sometimes we go out to eat if my husband doesn't want to cook.

Every Saturday is my busy day. I get up at 6:30 am. I need to make breakfast for my sons. At 8:30 am, I bring my sons to tutoring. We need to take the F or D train to school because the school is not close to my house. Their classes are from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. I just wait for them in their school. After their classes we go back to Chinatown to eat lunch, then I bring them to their swimming program. On Sunday, I often bring them to different museums, or sometimes we go to the park near my house.

## **Xiu Zhen Chen**

### **I Love New York**

New York is a big city. It is very famous and modern. Although the rent is very expensive, the transportation is convenient. I can easily find a job, and I joined a free Adult Literacy Program at University Settlement to learn English and computers. The community is safe. It's suitable for living.

I've lived in New York since 2006. I come from China. Now I live in Brooklyn. I live with my husband and my children. My son and daughter go to school in Chinatown. I take my kids to school from Monday to Friday. After that I have English classes Monday to Thursday from 9 am to 11 am. On Tuesday and Thursday, I have computer class from 11 am to 1 pm, then I buy food for dinner. At 2:30 pm, I go to pick up my kids from school. Sometimes I do homework with my kids at the library, sometimes we do it at home.

On Saturday, I take my son to a special class. In the afternoon, I take my kids to art class. Sunday is a family day. We can wake up late. Sometimes we go to brunch together, but my kids like to go to Prince Tea House. Sometimes we take a trip on weekends, sometimes we join a birthday party with friends.

In my free time, I like to sleep. I also like to go shopping. I really enjoy buying things. I love my life in New York.

## **Sissy Chen**

### **My Life in New York**

I'm from Fuzhou, China. I live in Ridgewood, Queens. I'm a mother. I need to take care of my kids, so I don't have a job. My husband, my son, and my daughter live with me. My brother visits my family once a month. He always stays with us overnight when he comes to my home. I am a student too. I study English at 175 Eldridge Street in New York. I study English four days a week and two hours each day. My class time is 9:00 to 11:00 am. My husband works at a Japanese restaurant.

My kids and I get up at 6:50 am on weekdays. We take the L train to 3rd Avenue and 14th Street and transfer to the M15 bus to my kids' school. Then I walk to English class. I go home after English class. I need to pick up my kids from school at 5 pm every day. Then we have dinner and I help my kids do homework. We go to bed at 9 pm every night. But my husband gets home almost at midnight. He works from 11 am to 11 pm.

In my free time, I like to read books online. Sometimes I go to the supermarket to go shopping and do some housework. But I like to ride bike on Sunday. Sunday is my family day. On Sunday I always ride bike with my kids and my husband. Sunday is my husband's day off. So we look forward to every Sunday.

## **Ying Xian Deng**

### **My Life in New York**

My name is Ying Xian Deng. I am from Kaiping, China. I have been in New York for almost one year. I live in Brooklyn. I live with my husband and his parents. My family is all in China. I miss them so much. I want to go back to China to visit them.

I study English every day. English is very important in the United States. I go to school from Monday to Thursday. After class, I go to work. I am a cashier. I work at AAA Wholesale. It is very busy every day. I feel tired, but I also feel happy because I meet many different people and learn many interesting things from the job. And I need to talk with the customers, so my listening and speaking are better than before.

The weekend is family time. I always go somewhere with my family. Sometimes we go shopping for food, vegetables, and fruit. Sometimes we go to the beach. My husband likes fishing, I like lying on the beach and listening to music. Sometimes we have a picnic or BBQ in the yard. During the holidays, I like to travel with my husband. We like to take some beautiful pictures. In my free time, I like to listen to music or watch movies.

Life in New York is too fast. I don't like life in the big city because it has too many people and it is very noisy. And if I go somewhere, I will waste lots of time on the way. If I just traveled to New York, I would think it is fantastic. New York has many different beautiful views. I like New York, but I don't like life in New York. Although I don't like life in New York, I believe I will get used to it. And I hope I can speak English fluently, and then I hope I can find a better job in the future.

## **Xiao Feng Dong**

### **My Life in New York**

My name is Dong Xiao Feng. I am from Fuzhou, China. I've lived in the United States for nine years. Now I live in Brooklyn, but before I lived in Manhattan.

I began English class at University Settlement in 2013. Before I took English class from 11:00 to 1:00 but this year my mother needs to go to work, so I changed the class time to 9:00 to 11:00. When I first

came here I was very tired, because when I went outside I couldn't understand what people said. So this is why I take English class.

Now I like living in New York because here people are nice and if I want to go shopping, go to the library, go to the park, or go to the train station, it is convenient for me. If I want to buy something, here it is cheaper than in my hometown. My favorite food is Subway and my favorite drink is coffee. Every day, I like to play computer games and watch TV shows. Sometimes I like to watch movies in English. But in the movies people talk too fast. I cannot understand what people are talking about. In my free time I like to listen to music, go for walks, and read books.

I live with my family. I have a brother and a sister. My sister is in high school and my brother is in middle school. So sometimes when I do not know how to do my homework, they can help me. But they have their own homework so they cannot help me all the time. My father works at a fish store. Every day he is always tired because at night he needs to take all the fish to the store. So my mother helps him and sometimes I help them. Now I like living in New York. I want to learn more English.

## **Ruzan Ghazaryan**

### **My Lazy Life**

Hello, my name is Ruzan. I am 30 years old. I am from Armenia. Armenia is a very small country, with 2 million people, but it is a very beautiful country with mountains and rocks. I moved from Armenia to New York one year ago with my husband. Now we are living in uptown Manhattan, near Riverside Park.

In my free time I read books, watch movies and TV shows, play tennis, ride bicycle, walk, and explore New York. Also every day I go to my English class at the University Settlement Adult Literacy Program on Eldridge Street. On the way to my class I read a book. It's a very good way to improve my English and spend my time, but sometimes when I am very tired I just sit and watch people on the train. Some of them don't like it. That's why I love and hate the New York subway. You lose a lot of time on it but you can find interesting ways to pass the time.

In New York I work at a cat shelter. It is a volunteer job, but I love it. In general I love all kinds of animals. That's why I applied to the veterinarian assistant program at CUNY College. I hope I will be accepted and can help more animals. I have a dream to build a shelter in Armenia, because my country doesn't want to spend money on homeless animals, and there are two NGOs that help animals with people's donations. When I was in Armenia I worked in those shelters too.

I am very lucky because in every crazy thing I do my husband supports me. We go hiking and camping when we have free time, or sometimes we work in the shelter with each other. Both of us are Nature lovers. I think life doesn't have any meaning, but I found something: it is love—love to people, animals, nature, even to insects (for example, spiders).

## **Yueh Hong Hsia**

### **New York Life**

I am from Shanghai, China. I have been in New York for over ten years. Now I live with my family in Brooklyn.

New York is a big city. The trains in the morning time are very crowded. The streets are always dirty. There are many different kinds of people in the city. New York is good for shopping.

Now I work at a hotel five days a week. I'm a housekeeper. This is a very hard job.

I have one daughter. She is eight years old. She looks like my husband. My mom lives with me. She helps me take care of my daughter. My daughter is very busy. She has Saturday school and plays piano and takes swimming lessons. She really likes to read books.

I'm very busy in New York. I have work and I have English class two hours a day for four days a week. On my day off, I like to go to the gym. I need to shop for food once a week. If I have extra free time, I like to go to coffee shops to drink coffee and relax and play games on my phone or get a massage. Sometimes my friend and I go shopping. New York is my favorite place to go shopping.

## **Simon Li**

### **My Life**

My name is Simon Li. I've lived in New York for three years. I work and study hard because I need to understand more new things. I'm from Luo Yang, China. My family lives in my hometown. I have a son. He is eight years old. He goes to school. My wife takes care of him. I chat with them every weekend.

I live in Manhattan because it's more convenient to go to school and go to work. I work at a spa. I work six days a week. In my free time, I watch the news and movies. Sometimes I travel. I like to study English because I can understand different cultures and become a part of life in the USA. Now my life is more convenient than before.

When my wife and my son come here to be with me, I want to buy a car because I want to take them everywhere in the US.

I believe everything will be better.

## **Li Xian Li**

### **Li Xian's Day**

My name is Li Xian Li. I'm from Guangzhou, China. I moved to New York in 2015. I don't have a job; I'm a homemaker. I take care of my son every day. I wake up at 6:30 am. I brush my teeth and wash my face. I make breakfast every morning. I help my son get dressed, and eat breakfast with him. At 7:30, I take him to school. Then I walk to English class at 8:00 am. My English class starts at 9:00. My teacher is nice. He teaches us a lot of English grammar and skills. I go home at 11:00 am. I eat rice for lunch. I finish my homework at 3:00 pm. I pick up my son at 4:30 pm. We go to the park; my son likes to swing and play on the slides. Finally, we make dinner. We always make rice and fish for dinner. At 7:30, I watch TV with my son. I go to sleep with my son at 8:30 pm.

In my free time, I like to go shopping. I sometimes go to the zoo with my son or friends and their families. My son likes lions, but I don't like them. In winter, I don't like to go anywhere because the weather is cold and I don't like snow. I stay at home and draw with my son. We like drawing. I think all children like to draw. It's interesting!

My favorite fruit is kiwis; I eat one every day. My son's favorite fruit is bananas, and they're my husband's favorite too. Fruit is healthy. I like to eat fruit.

In the future, I hope to get a good job, so I study English hard. I learn five new words every day. I think my English vocabulary is limited; I need to improve it.

## **Xiao Qing Li**

### **My Interesting Things**

My name is Xiao Qing Li, but actually you can call me Queenie. I am from China. It is a big country. My parents still live in China because they don't want to move to another country. But I am different. I like to try everything, so that is why I am here. I have been in New York for almost three years. I love it. Do you know why? Because New York has lots of interesting things and beautiful places. Also I think the important thing is I can try different kinds of food. I love food. When I eat food, I feel so happy.

Now I live in Brooklyn. My house is near the sea and the subway station. It is good and convenient for me. Now I live with my husband and his parents. I love them, because they treat me like themselves. We always go on trips together and make dinner together. I don't have a job now, so I have lots of free time to do something. I like to go sightseeing too. Sometimes I go with my friends, but sometimes I go with husband. We like to drive our car to some beautiful places. We enjoy it so much.

I love New York, but sometimes it still makes me feel upset, because my English is not good. When I can't express my thoughts in English, I feel so terrible. Let me tell you some things about my first day when I came here. I went to the grocery store to buy some food, but I couldn't understand the English words on each product. And I didn't know how to use English to ask. At last I left. I couldn't buy anything. But now everything has changed because I can use English to talk with other people. Also my English still needs to improve. So I came here to learn English. My classmates and teachers are good for me. We speak English together. We smile together. I think we will improve together.

Thank you!

## **Esther Li**

### **Living in New York**

I have lived in the United States for four years, but I've lived in New York for two years and five months. I didn't like New York before because the houses are expensive and the streets, the subway, and supermarkets are very dirty. But after I got a job and started taking English classes, I became busy and positive.

I go to school four times a week. My classmates are very friendly. Sometimes after class we go to drink tea in Chinatown and we go shopping. When we have problems, we help each other and share information with each other.

New York is a metropolitan area. People from different countries come to New York. If you live in New York, you can learn more about different cultures. So it widens your horizon and gives you a big heart. In my spare time, I like to walk, exercise, and go shopping. I live in New York, so I have to learn about the lifestyle, cultures, history, and taboos.

I am an office assistant. I love my job because my job is flexible. I can do it anytime. Now I love New York more than in the beginning. Life is interesting, so when we meet some problems, we have to persist and we can find beautiful things. When we are in adversity, we will become strong! When I meet something negative, I always remind myself, "Don't worry too much, the problem will last only a short time. Good things will be coming!"

## **Elaine Liang**

### **My Life in NYC**

My name is Elaine Liang. I am from En Ping, China. I have lived in New York for about thirteen years. I live in Fort Greene, Brooklyn. I live with my family. I rent my apartment and it's small. I have to cook for my family six days a week; also I need to do all of the housework. I don't like to do that but I don't have any choice.

I have a daughter; she is six years old. She is friendly when she is with people she doesn't know. I think she is the best student because the teacher never complains about her. She is in the first grade. I take her to school by bus and subway. I need to pick her up at 2:30 pm. Sometimes I take her to the park and let her play. After that we go home and I help her do her homework. I think it isn't easy to help her with her homework. We usually need about an hour to finish. She has to go to bed before 10:00 pm every day. She has swimming and dancing lessons. She likes to go and I feel busy taking her to her lessons.

I like to hang out with my friends when I have free time. We always go out to eat and go shopping. We like to try different kinds of food; we have a good time. Also I like to read the news on my phone and watch TV shows.

I think my life in New York is busy. I have a lot of things to do every day but I still enjoy it. I don't have much time to think too much about things. That's my life in New York.

## **Dan Lin**

### **New York Life**

My name is Dan Lin. I'm from Fujian, China. I work at Chinatown Supermarket. I usually work five days a week, Monday to Friday. I wake up at 6:40 am, Monday to Saturday. I cook breakfast every day. After breakfast, I take my son to school. We need to walk for about twenty minutes, and then I come to my school: the University Settlement Adult Literacy Program. My English class begins at 9 am, and it's over at 11 am.

After class, I go to eat my lunch, and then I have a few minutes' break. My work starts at twelve o'clock and it's over at eight o'clock. My husband works in Reading, Pennsylvania. Usually my father-in-law goes to pick up my son. When I finish my work, I need to walk for fifteen minutes to get back home. I need to check my son's homework, and talk with him for a few minutes.

Every Saturday I take my son to weekend school from 9 to 1 o'clock. He studies math and English. From 1:30 to 4:00 pm he has Chinese class. But the morning and afternoon classes are in different places.

## **Xiao Ling Lin**

### **Different Country, Different Life**

My name is Xiao Ling. I am from Tai Shan, China. I've been in New York City for about five years. I live on the Lower East Side with my husband and my children. I don't have a job, but I work every day. Every day for me is a busy day. Monday to Thursday morning, I go to English class, and after I finish the class I need to buy some food for dinner. In the afternoon, when my kids come home, I need to check their homework. Later, I need to cook dinner for my family. On Friday morning there is no English class, but I need to clean my house. On Saturday and Sunday, we play outside. Sometimes we go to the zoo or museum. We go all around New York City. We all have fun.

I've studied English for two years. Now I study English at University Settlement. I need to study English because when I came to the USA, I just knew a little bit of English. Sometimes I don't know what people say, so I need to improve my English. Now I can use my English to help my children do their homework, I can use basic English to talk to other people, and I can talk with my children's teachers.

In my free time, I like to go shopping with my friends. Sometimes we like to go to restaurants and try food from different countries. We talk about something fun. Sometimes when it's one of our children's birthdays coming, we are busy. We need to cook food for the party. When the party begins we sit together, we sing the birthday song, we eat the food, we talk to each other, and the children play

together. We all have fun. The children all know their birthday. My daughter always says, “Mom, it’s almost my birthday! I can’t wait! I want to invite my friends to my birthday party!”

After living in New York City for five years, I’ve made some friends, I’ve gone to some different places, I’ve seen some new things, and I’ve learned some new things. New York is a wonderful city. I love New York.

## **Jing Xiong Mei**

### **My Life**

My name is Mei Jing Xiong. I am from Tai Shan, China. I have lived in New York for two years. I like New York. This place has blue sky and clean air. The weather is very comfortable. The people are very friendly. I am living in Brooklyn now and I live with my family. I am a student now. I study English at University Settlement. I have been studying here for two years. My English has improved a lot. I study English every day, not only at school. I also study by myself at home. I watch educational videos every day. In my free time I like to play ma jiang. It is my favorite hobby. It is a lot of fun and I can make friends. I do not have a lot friends in New York. My friends are mostly in different cities. Now I need to make new friends. I need to get used to life in United States.

## **Xiu Kui Ng**

### **About Me**

My name is Xiu Kui. I’m from China. I live in Manhattan. I have good neighbors. They are very nice. We help each other when we need help. It is a safe and good place to live.

I’m a homemaker. I make breakfast every morning. I eat breakfast at 7:45 am and watch TV for about fifteen minutes. I walk to school every Monday to Thursday. After school I usually go shopping. I cook dinner at 6:30 pm, and I usually eat dinner at 7:30. I always watch TV at night.

To improve my English, I take an English class at University Settlement. My teacher is Jon. He is a responsible and good teacher. I learn some new words and English grammar and write sentences. For me, that is difficult, but I want to learn more, so I like to go to school. I try to do better. I don’t want to miss any one school day. I hope I will have a good future.

## **Ya Si Qiu**

### **Introducing Myself**

My name is Ya Si. I come from Guangzhou, China. I live on 56th Street in Brooklyn, New York. I came to New York three months ago. This summer I got a job and started taking English classes. Every Saturday and Sunday I must go to work. I work in a doctor’s office. I’m a receptionist. I’m very busy from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and there are many patients who come to see the doctor. In my free time I like to cook, but sometimes I like to go shopping.

I love fall. I also love New York’s fall, and it is always sunny but not too hot. I would love to go to the park to take photos in the fall. I like it when the leaves turn from green to yellow and at last turn to red. I’ve never seen snow. I’m looking forward to the winter.

I take the train to school every morning. I must get up early, because the train always changes the line or is delayed.

## **Julia Song**

## **My Life**

My name is Gui Zhen Song. My English name is Julia Song. I come from Liao Ning, China. My hometown has four seasons. The winter is very cold and there is a lot of snow. When I was a child, I really liked the snow because I remember my brothers and my sister and I used to play together in the snow.

Now I live in Queens. I like my neighborhood because my neighborhood is very safe. My neighbors are very friendly, and transportation is convenient.

## **Valikhan Tuleshov**

### **My Family and My Life in New York**

My name is Valikhan Tuleshov. I'm from Almaty, Kazakhstan. I'm 56 years old. I have a mother and one brother. They live in Kazakhstan. I have my own family: a wife and two daughters. My wife and younger daughter live in Sofia, Bulgaria, but my oldest daughter lives in Almaty, Kazakhstan. She has a husband and a daughter. So, I'm a grandfather. My granddaughter is three years old. She is pretty and wonderful. My wife is a biologist. She works for a health company in Sofia. After my oldest daughter and her husband graduated from Birmingham University in England, they worked in Almaty, Kazakhstan. They are great specialists. My younger daughter is finishing her education in a Bulgarian university just now. And she works at an American company in Sofia.

So, I stay here myself, alone. I love my family and miss them. I hope after my English class I can say, "Hello, my dears!" Because I came to the US to learn English.

If you live in New York, you need to communicate with people a lot. You need at first to learn English and second, get a job. You need to improve your English and your skills. So, you must live with a plan. I have a plan to live in New York because it is a great opportunity for me. Here I go to school, every day I go to work, and every day I study. My life is difficult, but I know I can help myself and my family.

New York has a big transportation system. I like it. Warm and fresh weather is good for me. I have some good friends. They communicate with me about all things and all their problems. We go to the beach, go shopping, and exercise together. Usually my friends cook dinner and we really enjoy ourselves. We listen to music, watch TV, and speak a lot.

When I am in class I'm also happy because I like my teacher and the Adult Literacy Program. I hope I will be successful with my English studies and my life in New York will be happy, because my classmates, neighbors, and my job are all good.

## **Anna Wu**

### **My Life in New York**

My name is Anna. I'm from Guangzhou, China. I came here five years ago. My husband and I live in Sunset Park, Brooklyn. I like living in Sunset Park because there are a lot of Chinese restaurants, Chinese stores, and supermarkets near my house.

I'm busy every day. I go to school four times a week. Usually I get up at 7:15 from Monday to Thursday. I leave my home at 8 am, and then I walk to the subway station and take the D train to school. I study English in Manhattan at the University Settlement Adult Literacy Program at 175 Eldridge Street. The class is from 9 am to 11 am. After class I sometimes go out to eat with my classmates, sometimes we go shopping, sometimes I need to go home to make my lunch.

I clean my home and do laundry once a week. I like to cook. I cook every day. I like to go shopping for food, too. I work at a hotel. I am a housekeeper. It is hard work. I work in the afternoon. I work seven

hours a day. Usually I leave my home at 2 pm and get home at midnight, Thursday to Monday. In my free time I like to go shopping, I like to go out to eat with my friends, and I like to go to the library.

## **Bi Ru Yi**

### **My Life**

My name is Bi Ru Yi. I am from China. I came to New York in November, 2016. I live in Manhattan. I live with my husband and my son.

I like my neighborhood. It is safe. It is near the park. The air is fresh. The people are very nice.

New York is a big city. Many people come from different countries. In New York, most people speak English. So English is very important. It is difficult for me to live in New York because I don't know English. Two weeks after I arrived in New York, I tried to find an office job, but they told me that I needed to speak English. I was very sad. Then my friend told me to go to an adult English school to learn English, so now I take an English class at University Settlement. Now I have a job. I am a cashier at a supermarket. I work from Monday to Saturday. I work 40 hours a week.

I am very busy and tired every day. I get up at 6 am in the morning. After washing, I need to cook for my husband and myself, and we bring the food to work. My husband is a printer in a factory. We leave our home at 7 am. We walk to the subway station. The station is near my home. We walk five minutes to get to it. At 8 am we arrive at my son's school. He is in the fourth grade. The school is in Chinatown. I kiss my son and say goodbye to him, then I go to have breakfast. My English class begins at 9 am. I walk to school for fifteen minutes. My teacher is a good teacher. He teaches me English listening and speaking. My classmates are very friendly. I like my English class. After school, I need to go to work. I begin work at 12 pm. I get home at 9 pm.

On the weekend, my family goes to the park, sometimes we go to the mall.

## **Li Fang Zheng**

### **About Me**

Hello, my name is Li Fang Zheng. I'm from Jiang Men, China. I came to New York about ten years ago. I live in Brooklyn. I live with my family. I don't have a job because I need to take care of my children. I have one boy and one girl. I feel very tired every day. I wake up at 6 o'clock in the morning, and bring them to school at 7:10 am. We take the train to Chinatown in Manhattan. After that, I go to school to learn English. Why do I need to go to school? Because I need to teach my children to do their homework. I read books with them, too. My English class starts at 9 o'clock, and it ends at 11 o'clock, Monday to Thursday. In the class, I've met some new friends. They're friendly. After school, I go to eat lunch with my friend. We talk about interesting things. When I'm finished with lunch, I take the train back home. I clean my house every day and I prepare my dinner. After that, I take a break. At 4 pm, I take the train to pick up my children.

I don't need to go to English class on Friday, so I have free time after I bring my children to school. I can meet my friends. We go to a restaurant to eat dim sum, we talk, we laugh. Sometimes we go shopping. We go to Soho or Times Square. I really enjoy spending time with my friends. On Saturday and Sunday, my children don't need to go to school. It is their free time. When they get up, and after breakfast, I bring them to the park to play with my husband. We run, play ball, play on the seesaw, and ride our bicycles. They feel excited. Although I feel tired, I feel happy too.