

**Access English Centre
Immigrant Centre Manitoba**

Lesson Plan – Ramon’s New Job

Level: Intermediate

Theme: Canadian workplace culture

Topic: The importance of arriving to work on time

Time: 40 minutes

1. Begin class by reading the short story entitled “Ramon’s New Job” to the students. After this provide students with a copy of the story. Have a volunteer read the story again to the rest of the class. Ask students some basic comprehension questions to test their understanding of the story.
2. After this, place students into small groups of 3-4. Provide each group with a list of questions to talk about (attached). Have someone from the group read the questions aloud and then give time for the group to discuss each question. As students are discussing feel free to circulate and listen.
3. Once students have completed their discussion, ask students from the groups the questions. Make sure everyone has a chance to provide an answer. Focus on question 6, which is an opinion question. Emphasize to students that when they give an opinion they must begin by saying “I think”, “In my opinion”, “I feel” or “I believe”.
3. After discussing the list of questions, talk about the importance of being on time in Canada. Tell students that it is very important to arrive to class on time. Tell students that it is very important to arrive to work on time. Ask students what the consequences might be if you always arrive to school or work late. Ask students whether being on time is important in their home countries, too.
4. Consider doing an extension activity. Think of different scenarios to ask students of whether or not it is important or not to arrive on time. For example, arriving on time for a party, arriving on time for a job interview, arriving on time to work, arriving on time for a visit to your friend.

Ramon’s New Job



This story is about a man named Ramon. Ramon is very new to Canada. Last weekend Ramon started a new job. The new job Ramon got was at a restaurant. Ramon was hired to help out in the kitchen. Sometimes he

would do the dishes. Sometimes he would cut vegetables and sometimes he would prepare drinks for the waiters and waitresses.

Ramon was very excited to start his new job. Ramon liked his new boss and the restaurant was close to his house so he wouldn't have to take the bus. On Saturday Ramon's boss told him to come in for his first shift around 5:00pm. Ramon arrived at 5:15pm. Ramon's boss was very angry. He told Ramon that all of the employees must be on time. Ramon didn't understand. Ramon thought that he was on time. In Ramon's country, being on time isn't that important.

Ramon's New Job – Discussion Questions

1. When did Ramon start his new job?
2. How was Ramon feeling about his new job?
3. What was Ramon hired to do?
4. When did Ramon's shift start?
5. When did Ramon arrive for his shift?

6. Why do you think Ramon arrived late to work on his first day?