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CLB 3: Immigrant Seniors

Activity 1: Warm-up – All Over the World

Map source: Geology.com. (2019). *World map – Political* [Illustration]. Retrieved from https://geology.com/world/world-map.shtml

Activity 3: Interview with an Immigrant Senior

Laila Script

Good morning, Laila.
How are you today?

Fine, thanks.

And thank you for taking the time for this interview.
No problem.

Do you mind if I ask you a few questions?
I don't mind.

1. Where are you from Laila?
   I am from Bangladesh. I live in Chittagong.

2. So, Laila, when did you come to Canada?
   I came to Canada with my husband in 2013.

3. Who are you living with?
   I am living with my daughter.

4. How do you spend time at home?
   I spend my time cooking, cleaning, reading, and gardening.

5. When you came to Canada, what things were difficult for you at first?
   I was lonely because my daughter went to work, and I didn't know the neighbours. I had no friends. We were afraid to go out alone.

6. Where did you go to get help with English?
   I went to English class for seniors. My daughter told me about the class, and I learned many things and I enjoyed them.

7. Now, Laila, how are you spending your time?
   Now I go to the library to borrow books. I go to the mall to buy my own clothes and other things. I also meet my new friends from class. I am not afraid to go out. I am not lonely any more.

Thank you for your time today, Laila.
You are welcome.

Questions

1. Where did Laila come from?

2. When did Laila come to Canada?

3. Who does Laila live with?

4. What class did Laila take?

Activity 4: Story

Gengock and Sing Yeu Learn English

People: Gengock (banker) and Sing Yeu (business owner)
From: China
Ages: 68 and 70 years old

Gengock and Sing Yeu are two older men from China. Gengock is 68 years old. Sing Yeu is 70 years old. Gengock came to Canada four years ago, and Sing Yeu came one year ago. Gengock was a banker from Beijing, China, and Sing Yeu was a business owner from Shanghai, China. Gengock lives with his daughter. He does not have grandchildren. Sing Yeu lives with his daughter and has two grandchildren. At first, when the two men came to Canada, they could only read, write, and speak Mandarin Chinese. Their friends were other Chinese seniors just like them.

Both men's children wanted them to learn English. Gengock and Sing Yeu wanted to learn English, too. Then they both went to an English class for seniors. Gengock and Sing Yeu learned how to introduce themselves to others. They learned how to smile and shake hands. They also learned to say hello. They became friends with classmates from Mexico, Russia, Syria, and India. Sing Yeu's new friends tried to help him speak English. Sometimes, they spoke to him in their own native tongue. The new friends forgot that he only spoke Chinese! Sing Yeu did not mind because he had new friends now!

Finally, during a lesson on fruit, Gengock showed a cellphone translation app to his classmates. Gengock pointed his cellphone at a fruit and took a picture of it. It was a pomegranate. Everyone heard the cellphone say "pomegranate"! Gengock's classmates were amazed to see an older person use technology. Now Gengock and the other students are friends.

Vocabulary: Shanghai, Beijing, China, Mexico, Russia, Syria, India, Canada, Mandarin, Chinese, seniors, business owner, daughter, grandchildren, shake hands, introduce oneself, classmates, native tongue, fruit, translation app, cellphone, pomegranate, amazed, older person, technology

Activity 5: Find the Diversities

Name of the older immigrant	Gengok	Sing Yeu
Age		
Where is he from?		
Who does he live with?		
Does he have grandchildren? (Yes or No)		