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CLB 3: Immigrant Seniors

Activity 2: Story

Anna Teaches Again

People: Anna (teacher) and Alexander (engineer)
From: Russia
Ages: 64 and 65 years old

Anna and Alexander are from Russia. They came to Canada two years ago. Anna and Alexander are married. Anna is 64 years old, and Alexander is 65 years old. Anna was a teacher in Russia, and Alexander was an engineer. They retired from their jobs in Russia. Now they live with their daughter and her family. Anna's daughter works all day. Anna cooks, and Alexander walks with his grandson to school. They like to babysit their grandson, but they want friends. Anna and Alexander are bored and lonely.

At first, when Anna and Alexander came to Canada, they could not speak English. They could not talk with their neighbours. They could not use the telephone. They could not go grocery shopping or even make plans to go out. Sometimes they were bored.

Then they took English classes for seniors. They met older people from other countries. Finally, they were learning English! Alexander could take driving lessons and go to the library. Anna could go grocery shopping. She could talk to her neighbour.

Anna even helps teach English to her classmates. Alexander and Anna are busy now. They are content and not bored any more.

Vocabulary:

Russia, Canada, married, teacher, engineer, retired, boring/bored, lonely, grandson, babysit, neighbors, telephone, grocery shopping, make plans, seniors, driving lessons, library, classmates, busy, content

Activity 3: Interview with an Immigrant Senior couple – Anna and Alexander

1. Where are you from?

   We are from _____.

2. When did you come to Canada?

   We came to Canada _____ years ago.

3. Who are you living with?

   We live with our _____ and her family.

4. What do you do at home, Anna?

   I take care of my grandson every day. I also _____ for my family every day.

   Alexander?

   I drive my grandson to _____ every day. I pick him up after school every day. I also _____ things at home.

5. What things were difficult for you at first?

   We did not understand what people were _____. We were afraid to go shopping alone.

6. Where did you go to get help with English?

   First we only spoke English with our family. We also _____ TV. Then our daughter found an English class. (Anna speaks.) Alexander studied English to learn driving _____.

7. Now what things are you doing after English class?

   It was good for us.

   I passed my English _____ test.

   Now we go to the library for _____ conversation.

   We also borrow books in English.

   Now we can even read books to our grandson.

We like Canada because people are friendly and we feel safe.

Thank you again for talking with us today! Have a good day.

Activity 4: Anna and Alexander Questions Chart

Instructions: Fill out the chart using the information from the completed worksheet of the real-life story of Anna and Alexander.

Questions	Answers
Immigrant seniors are older people from different countries. Where were Anna and Alexander from?	
What did Alexander do when he learned English?	
Who are Anna and Alexander living with?	
When did the immigrant couple come to Canada?	
Where did Anna and Alexander go to have English conversation?	
Anna said she does two things when she is at home. What are they?	

Activity 5: Role-Play Interview with Anna and Alexander

Interviewer: Hello, Anna and Alexander.
Anna and Alexander: Hello.

Interviewer: How are you today?
Anna and Alexander: We are fine, thank you.

Interviewer: Thank you for meeting us today for this interview.
Anna and Alexander: You are welcome. We are glad to see you.

Interviewer: May I ask you a few questions?
Anna and Alexander: Okay.

Interviewer: Where are you from?
Anna and Alexander: We are from Russia.

Interviewer: When did you come to Canada?
Anna and Alexander: We came to Canada two years ago.

Interviewer: Who are you living with?
Anna and Alexander: We live with our daughter and her family.

Interviewer: What do you do at home Anna?
Anna: I take care of my grandson every day.
I also cook for my family every day.

Interviewer: Alexander?
Alexander: I drive my grandson to school every day.
I pick him up after school every day.
I also fix things at home.

Interviewer: What things were difficult for you at first?
Anna: We did not understand what people were saying.
We were afraid to go shopping alone.

Interviewer: Where did you go to get help with English?

Alexander:	First, we only spoke English with our family. We also watched TV. Then our daughter found an English class.
Anna:	Alexander studied English to learn driving rules.
Interviewer:	Now what things are you doing after English class?
Anna:	It was good for us.
Alexander:	I passed my English driving test.
Anna:	Now we go to the library for English conversation.
Alexander:	We also borrow books in English.
Anna:	Now we can even read books to our grandson.
Anna and Alexander:	We like Canada because people are friendly and we feel safe.
Interviewer:	Thank you again for talking with us today!
Anna and Alexander:	Have a good day.