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MY NAME IS LUCÍA



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My name is Lucía.

I am a bride.

I just got married.

But, it wasn't easy.

There were a few problems.



**I wanted to wear my grandmother's dress
at my wedding.**

But, it was too big for me!

I had to find a dressmaker to fix my dress.



I called Mr. Joseph.

Mr. Joseph is a wedding coordinator.

He said,

“Don't worry.

Mrs. Lee is an excellent dressmaker.

Your dress will be perfect.”



This is Mrs. Lee.
She fixed my dress.
But, she had to work all night!



Mrs. Lee did an amazing job.
My dress looked beautiful.
I looked beautiful in all the pictures.
But, it wasn't easy.



This is Sasha.

He is a photographer.

The day before my wedding, Sasha got sick!

Sasha had a fever.

Sasha couldn't take pictures at my wedding.



Sasha called his niece, Tanya.

**Sasha asked her to take pictures
at my wedding.**

Tanya is a photographer, too.

But, Tanya speaks only a little English!



Tanya had to practice what to say.

Tanya practiced these words:

A little to the left.

A little to the right.

Smile.

Say cheese!



And, Tanya took beautiful pictures!



This is Ahmed.

Ahmed was the head waiter at my wedding.

Ahmed served the food at my wedding.



Ahmed has another job, too.

He has a food cart in Manhattan.

**Ahmed needed someone to work
at his food cart on my wedding day.**



**Ahmed called his cousin, Mohammed.
Mohammed agreed to help.
He agreed to work at the food cart
on my wedding day.**



**But, on my wedding day,
Mohammed got lost in Manhattan.
He couldn't find Ahmed's food cart.
Ahmed told Mohammed,
"Ask someone for help. Hurry!"**



**Mohammed was lost.
He asked a blind man for help.
No problem!
The blind man knew the way.**



**Ahmed arrived at my wedding on time.
He served the food and the champagne.
Everything was delicious!**



This is Manny.

Manny is a musician.

I needed a band for my wedding.

I asked him to play music at my wedding.

But, he needed more people for his band.



Manny called Chi and said,

“Chi, my band got a job.

Can you help us out?

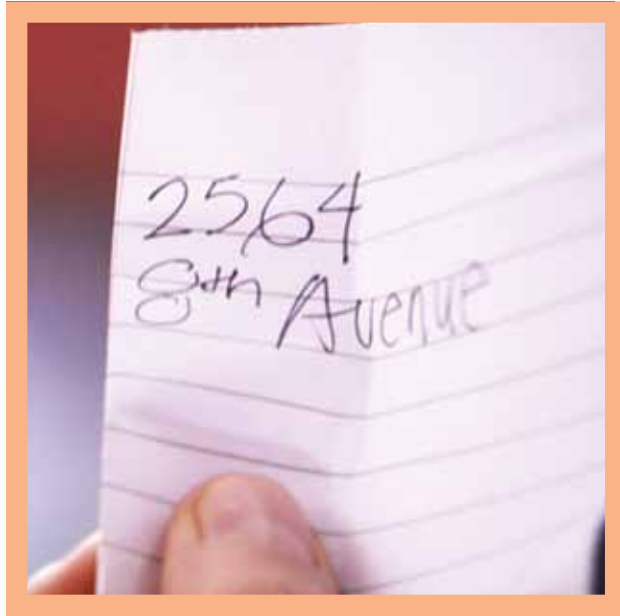
We need a guitar player.”



**Then Manny called Tito.
Tito is a drummer.
Manny called Tito and said,
“Get the drums ready!”**



**But, on the day of my wedding,
the band got confused.
They couldn't find the wedding.
They went to the right address in Manhattan,
but it was a doctor's office!
A foot doctor!**



**Manny wrote down the address.
But, he wrote down the address wrong.
The wedding was in Brooklyn, not Manhattan!**



**Manny called Mr. Joseph,
my wedding coordinator.
Manny asked Mr. Joseph for directions.
Mr. Joseph told him how to find
the wedding in Brooklyn.**



The band checked the subway map to find the right train to Brooklyn.



**The band arrived on time.
The music was fantastic.
Everyone danced all night.
My wedding was a big success!**



Mr. Joseph was right.

**New York is like one big wedding—
lots of people working day and night
to make good things happen.**

Mrs. Lee, Tanya, Manny, Carlos, Tito and Chi.

And, of course, Ahmed.

Without them, there is no New York City.

Words used in this story

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|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> address | <input type="checkbox"/> food cart | <input type="checkbox"/> picture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> agreed (agree) | <input type="checkbox"/> foot doctor | <input type="checkbox"/> play |
| <input type="checkbox"/> am, is, was,
were, be | <input type="checkbox"/> forgot (forget) | <input type="checkbox"/> practice,
practiced |
| <input type="checkbox"/> arrived (arrive) | <input type="checkbox"/> get, got: got
confused, got lost,
got married,
got sick | <input type="checkbox"/> problem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> asked (ask) | <input type="checkbox"/> guitar player | <input type="checkbox"/> say, said |
| <input type="checkbox"/> band | <input type="checkbox"/> had, has | <input type="checkbox"/> say cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> bride | <input type="checkbox"/> had to (has to) | <input type="checkbox"/> served (serve) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> called (call) | <input type="checkbox"/> happen | <input type="checkbox"/> smile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> can, could | <input type="checkbox"/> head waiter | <input type="checkbox"/> someone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> champagne | <input type="checkbox"/> help | <input type="checkbox"/> speak |
| <input type="checkbox"/> checked (check) | <input type="checkbox"/> hurry | <input type="checkbox"/> subway map |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cousin | <input type="checkbox"/> job | <input type="checkbox"/> success |
| <input type="checkbox"/> danced (dance) | <input type="checkbox"/> knew (know) | <input type="checkbox"/> told (tell) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> day | <input type="checkbox"/> looked (look) | <input type="checkbox"/> took (take) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> did (do) | <input type="checkbox"/> make | <input type="checkbox"/> train |
| <input type="checkbox"/> directions | <input type="checkbox"/> man | <input type="checkbox"/> wanted (want) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> doctor's office | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> wear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dress | <input type="checkbox"/> musician | <input type="checkbox"/> wedding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> dressmaker | <input type="checkbox"/> name | <input type="checkbox"/> wedding
coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> drums,
drummer | <input type="checkbox"/> needed (need) | <input type="checkbox"/> words |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fever | <input type="checkbox"/> niece | <input type="checkbox"/> work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> find | <input type="checkbox"/> night | <input type="checkbox"/> worry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fixed (fix) | <input type="checkbox"/> people | <input type="checkbox"/> write, wrote |
| <input type="checkbox"/> food | <input type="checkbox"/> photographer | |

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