**Class One - 10/26/20**

**Weekly Goals:**

* Start a vocabulary list of new words in English. Definitions have to be written in English, but you can also write notes in portuguese if you want.
* Have at least a five minute conversation in English every day
* Complete your daily homework

**Warm Up:**

*Have you already filled out an N-400 form/have you had an eligibility interview? Waiting to hear back about the date (likely January).*

*Can I share a google doc with you?*

Talking about your week!

* What was the best part of last week?
  + “We spent a few hours very very great.”
    - Correction: “We spend a few hours there. It was really really great.”
    - “Nit-picky” - (Slang) - pointing out small errors/problems
  + “We went to the beach now with my family.”
    - “We went to the beach *then* with my family.”
* What was the worst part?
  + New phrase: “I needed to talk with her about her poor/bad behavior”
* What is your daughter learning in school right now?

**Grammar Topic of the Day - Irregular Verb Tenses:**

Here are some examples of irregular verbs in the present/past tenses that you may have heard used before:

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  + I am a worker. → I was a student.
  + I am reading the book. → I was watching TV.
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  + I write in my notebook. → I wrote a letter.
* I draw → I drew
  + I draw a flower. → I drew a house.
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* I make → I made
  + I make a cake. → Yesterday I made chicken.
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  + I meet my neighbor. → Three years ago, I met my husband!
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  + Today I go to sleep early. → Yesterday I slept late.
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  + I stand all day. → Yesterday I stood all day.
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Let’s talk out some examples of sentences using both the present and past forms of these verbs to practice the irregular forms!

* I pay my bills every month. → I paid the bills last month.
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**Writing and Reading Aloud Activity:**

For this activity, we are going to practice both reading aloud in English and comprehending advanced tenses and vocabulary.

Excerpt (a smaller part from a larger piece of writing) from the NYT article, “Biden Pledges Ambitious Climate Action. Here’s What He Could Actually Do.” <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/25/climate/biden-climate-change.html>

Words in green are important politics vocab terms.

WASHINGTON — Joseph R. Biden Jr.’s $2 trillion plan to fight global warming is [the most ambitious climate policy](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/14/us/politics/biden-climate-plan.html) proposed by a leading presidential candidate, a political lightning rod spotlighted on Thursday night when the Democratic nominee acknowledged during a debate that it would “transition” the country “from the oil industry.”

But no one knows better than Mr. Biden, the former vice president, that it almost surely will not be enacted, even if his party secures the White House and the Senate. Thirty-six years in the Senate and the searing experience of watching the Obama administration’s less ambitious climate plan die a decade ago have taught him the art of the possible.

Still, a President Biden could have real impact: solar panels and wind turbines spread across the country’s mountains and prairies, electric charging stations nearly as ubiquitous as gas stations and a gradual decrease in the nation’s planet-warming greenhouse pollution.

“The oil industry pollutes significantly,” Mr. Biden said at the final presidential debate, adding, “it has to be replaced by renewable energy over time.”

Example HW:

* Surely - used to emphasize a person’s belief that they are correct
* Surly - a person acting rude or annoyed
* Searing
* Senate (pronunciation)
* Prairies
* Ubiquitous

Summary:

Biden is worried about climate change. He wants to support the renewable energy industry.

**Homework:**

Read a new article each day this week. The article can be about anything you want, but it might be helpful to read political articles because they will have vocabulary relevant to your citizenship test. Print the article out. As you read, highlight vocabulary words you don’t recognize and look them up. Then, write a one paragraph summary of the article.

Add new vocabulary words to your list!

Don’t forget to have a couple minute conversation in English each day if you can!

**Class Two - 11/9/20**

**Weekly Goals:**

* Continue to try to speak english with someone each day
* Complete homework

**Warm Up:**

* Reflect on last week’s goals. How did you do? Did you meet your goals? What grade would you give yourself? Was the workload too much, not enough, or just right?
  + Vocab List
    - Lots of new words related to real estate
  + Speaking english every day
  + Article homework

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**Practice:** (write the past tense and future tense version of each word)

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  + I was, I going to/I will
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  + I wrote, I will write
* I draw
  + I drew, I will draw
* I do
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* I make
  + I made, I will make
* I meet
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Pick two words from the above list and write a complete sentence using the past tense form.

\*\* Next week: past participles (I have, I had)

Answers:

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**Citizenship Test Activity:**

I will read questions, you write down the answers.

1. We elect a president for how many years? (Four)
2. In what month do we vote for President? (November)
3. What is the name of the President of the United States right now? (Donald Trump, Trump, Donald J. Trump)
4. What is the name of the Vice President of the United States right now? (Mike Pence, Pence, Michael R. Pence)
5. If the President can no longer serve, who becomes the President? (The Vice President)
6. If both the President and Vice President can no longer serve, who becomes the President? (The Speaker of the House of Representatives)
7. Who is the Commander in Chief of the military? (The President)
8. Who signs bills to become laws? (The President)
9. Who vetoes bills? (The President)
10. What does the president's cabinet do? (Advises the president)
11. What are two Cabinet-level positions?
    1. Secretary of Agriculture/Commerce/Defense/Education/Energy/Health and Human Services/Homeland Security/Housing and Urban Development/Interior/Labor/State/Transportation/Treasury/Veterans Affairs
    2. Attorney General
    3. Vice President
12. What is the political party of the President right now? (Republican)
13. Who is in charge of the executive branch (the President)
    1. Bonus: what are the other two branches? (legislative and judicial)
    2. How many judges are there? 9
14. Who was President during WWI? (Woodrow Wilson)
15. Who was President during the Great Depression and WWII? (Franklin D Roosevelt)
16. Before he was President, Eisenhower was a general. Which war did he fight in? (WWII)

**Homework:**

1. Continue to add new words to your list
2. Continue to push yourself to speak in English whenever you can
3. Write out three citizenship questions (question and answer) each day. Write out all of the questions first and then quiz yourself by writing down the answer.
4. Read and excerpt about American history each day (I will send you a document with excerpts for each day.