

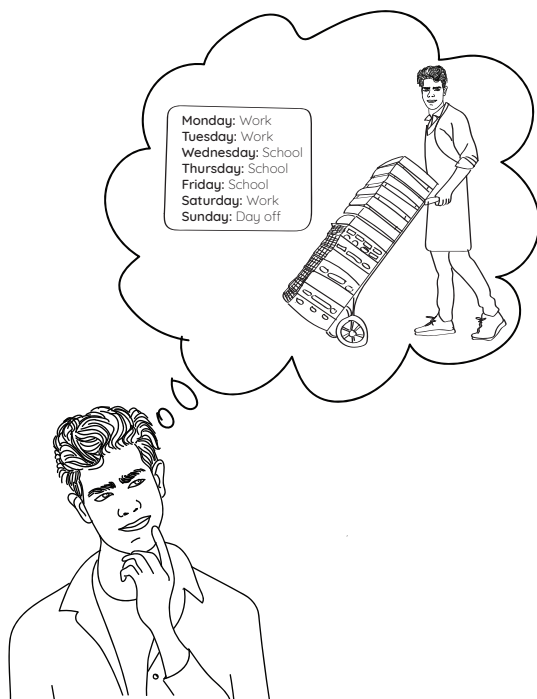


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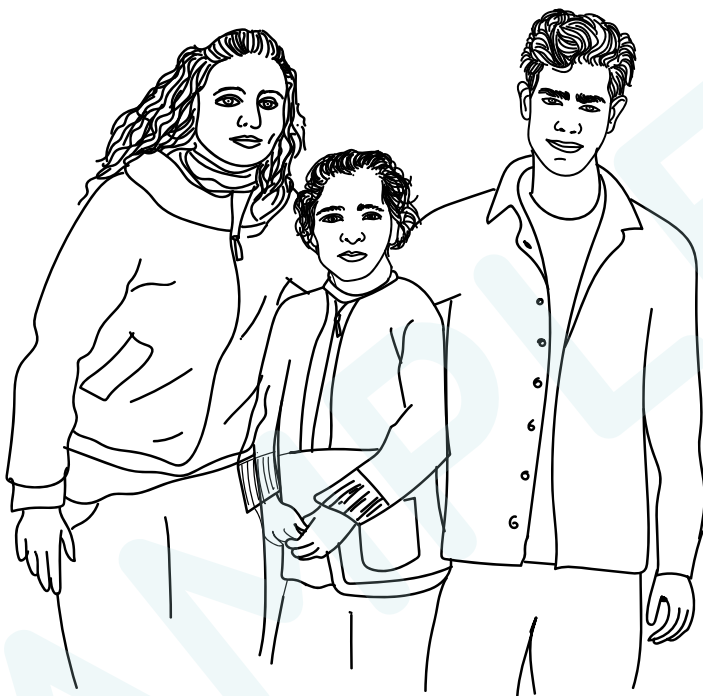
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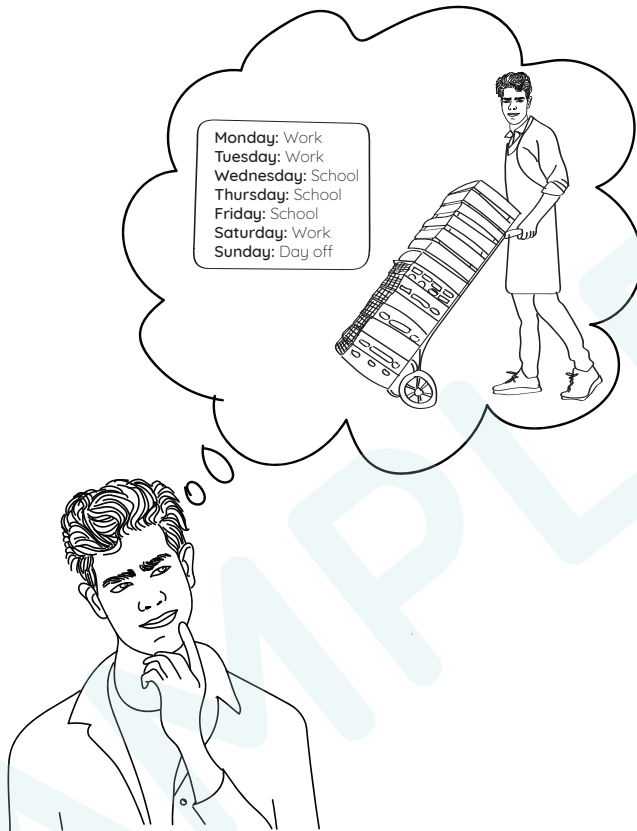
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This is Amir, his sister Yara and his mum Farida. They moved to a new country together.



Amir was worried about his grandma back home. She was sick and needed money to buy medicines.



Amir wanted to help her. He liked school and didn't want to stop going. "I will get a part-time job after school and on weekends," he thought.



Amir had a few different jobs back home. One of his jobs was a shelf-filler in a small grocery store.



“Maybe I can find a job in a grocery store here,” he thought. Amir didn’t know where to start.



When Amir went to school the next day, he thought about how to get a part-time job. He decided to ask his teacher for help.



Amir waited for all of the students to go home. Then he said, "Excuse me Miss, how do I get a part-time job?"



“First, you need to write a résumé.
Then, you can look for a job online and
send your résumé to the store
managers,” she said.



Amir was confused. He didn't know how to write a résumé. His teacher told him to go to the community centre for some help.



Amir went to the community centre and a volunteer called Meera helped him. Together, they wrote a résumé with lots of information about Amir.

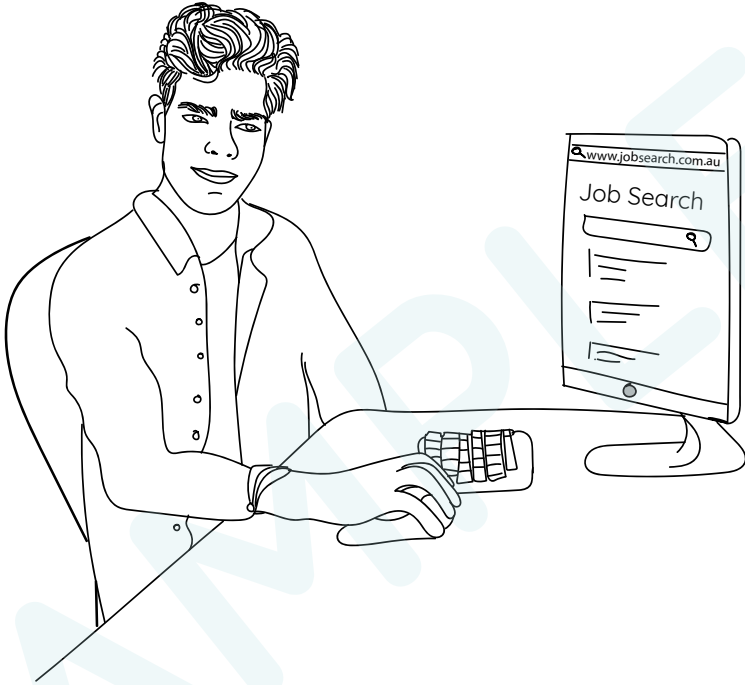


First, they wrote about where Amir had worked before in his country. Meera asked Amir to add any volunteering he did in his new country too.



Then, they wrote about which school Amir went to. Next, they wrote about what he was good at.

"These are called skills," said Meera.

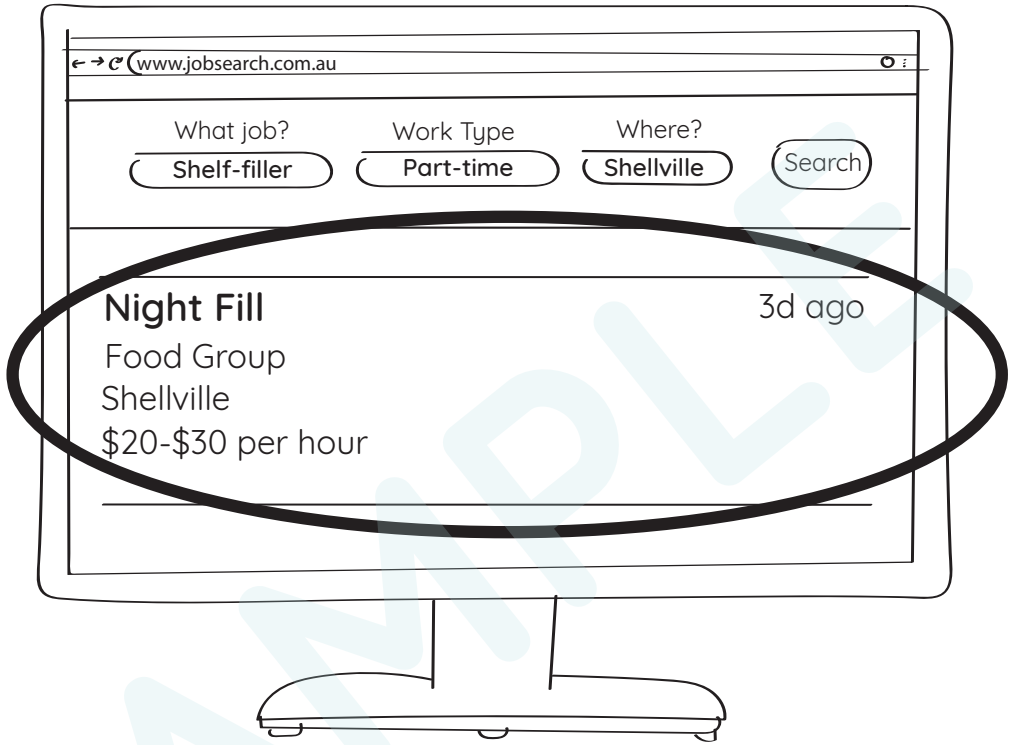


After they finished the résumé, Meera showed Amir a popular website.

“You can use this website to look for jobs,” she said.

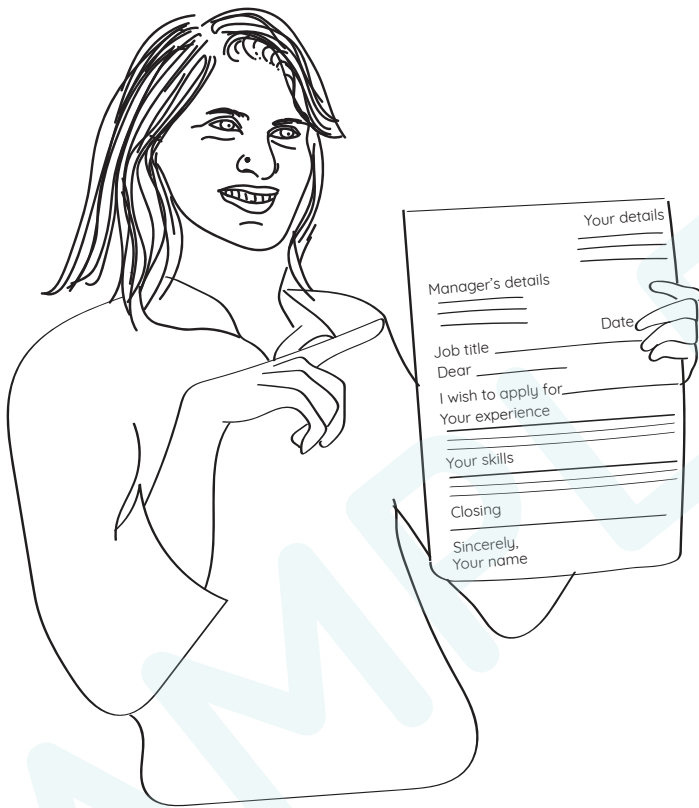


Amir and Meera searched for grocery store jobs. Amir found some he liked that were close to his house.

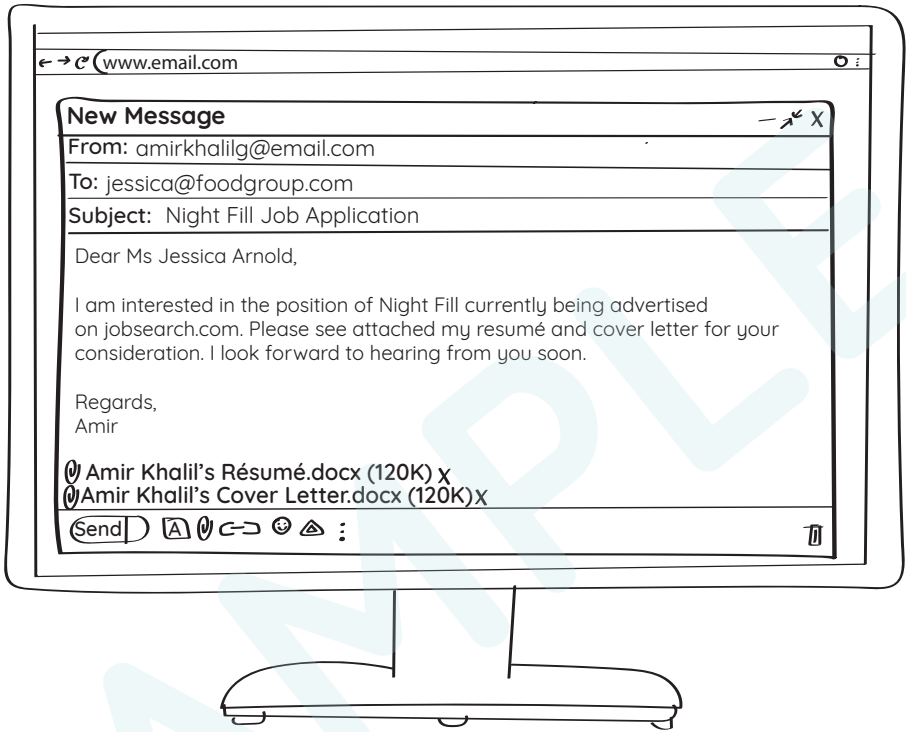


They clicked on the ones they liked and read the job advertisements.

“This job says you need to send a cover letter. What is that?” asked Amir.



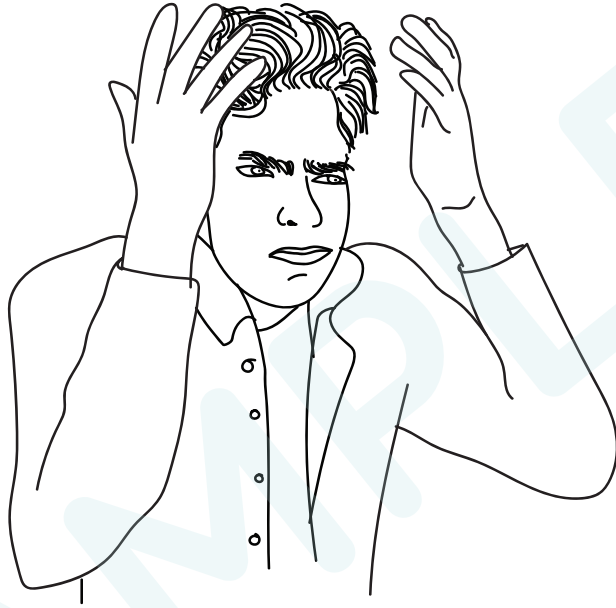
“A cover letter tells the manager of the store why you are the best person for the job. It gives more information about your résumé,” she said.



Amir and Meera wrote a cover letter together. Then, Amir emailed his résumé and cover letter to the store manager.



Amir was so excited when he sent his email. Then, he waited for two weeks to get a phone call from the store manager. No-one called.



Amir was upset. He really thought the manager would call him.

“Why can’t I just find a job?” he thought.



The next day, Amir walked to school with his friend Sami. He told him about his problem.



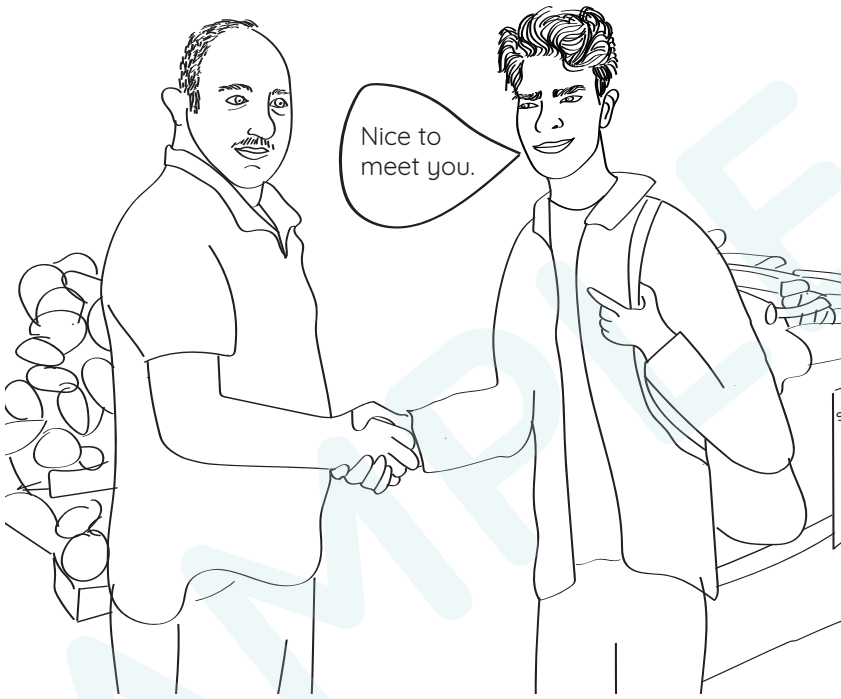
“My uncle is looking for someone to work in his fruit shop. Are you interested?” he said.



Amir gave Sami a big smile.

“Yes, of course!” he said.

“Come with me after school and meet him,” said Sami.

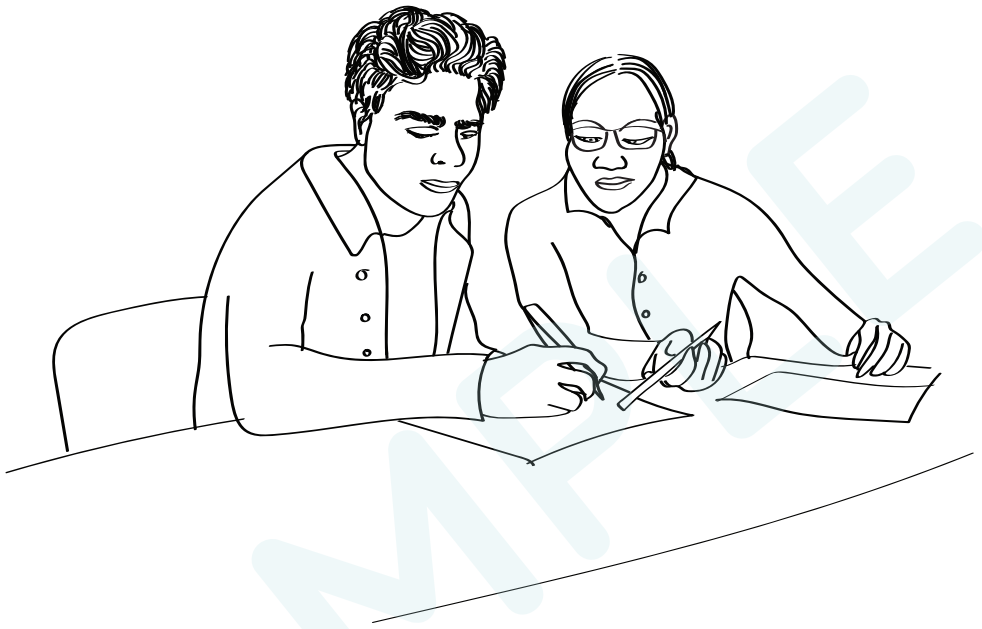


After school, Sami and Amir went to the fruit shop. Sami introduced Amir to his uncle.

“Nice to meet you,” said Amir.



“Come here tomorrow for a job interview at 5pm,” said Sami’s uncle. Amir had never done a job interview before but he was excited.



At school, Amir asked his teacher about a job interview. She gave him a list of questions.

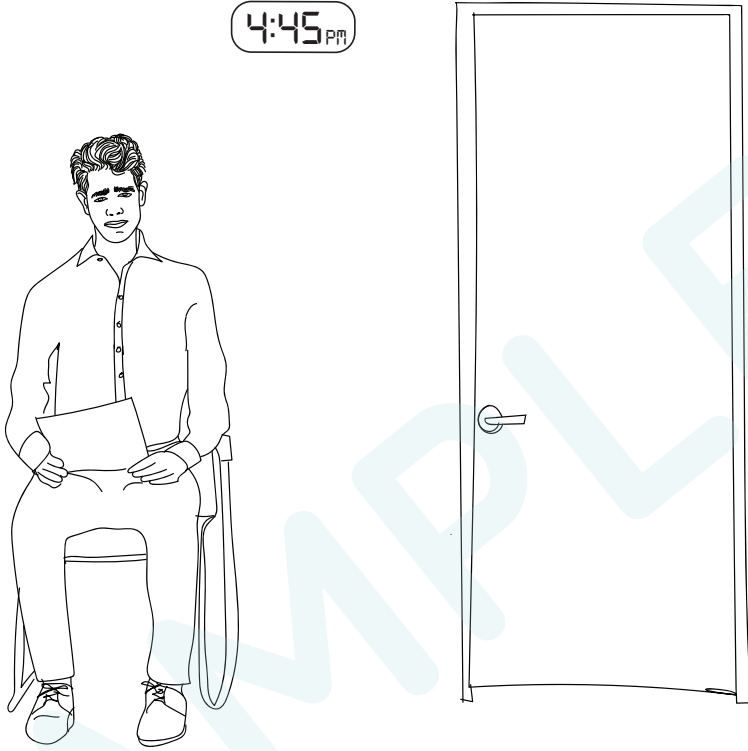
“Practise your answers to these questions,” she said.



When Amir went home, he practised his answers. He tried to include lots of information and to speak politely.



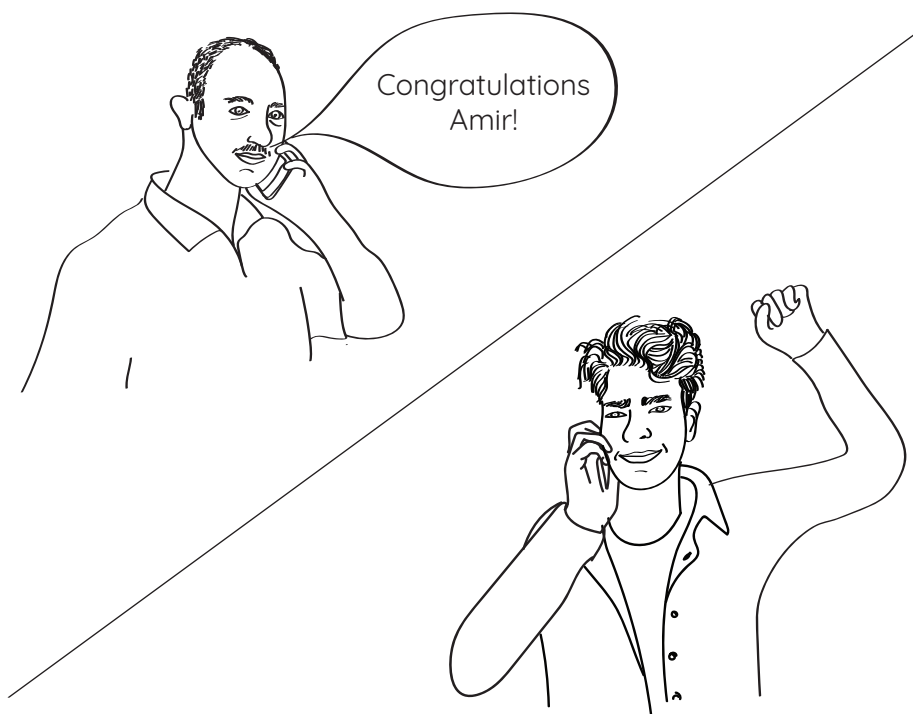
On the day of the job interview, Amir was very nervous. He put on his best clean clothes and took some deep breaths.



Amir went to the shop 15 minutes early to make sure he wasn't late. Sami's uncle called him into his office.



Sami's uncle asked him a lot of questions. Some of them were on Amir's list of questions but some were new. He tried to answer them all.



The next day, Amir got a phone call. “Congratulations, you got the job!” said Sami’s uncle. Amir was so excited to start his new job.

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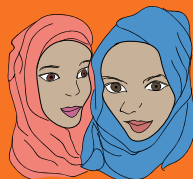
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Will he be able to find one?



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