

Reading

A. Skim the article. Find and circle:

- a. the names of two people b. the names of four places c. three dates d. four jobs

Fulfilling Their Dream

In 1990, Qyanaj graduated from Kiev University in the Ukraine with a degree in science. She married her husband, Vacek, soon after graduation. Ivana taught classes at the university, and Vacek worked as a programmer for a small computer company. After their son was born, Ivana couldn't teach anymore, and they couldn't earn enough to live. Their parents and brothers and sisters were all unemployed and couldn't help them.

Ivana and Vacek decided to move to the United States to find better jobs. They studied hard to learn English and improve their computer skills. They studied immigration rules and filled out all the forms. They chose Chicago, Illinois, because there are a lot of computer companies there. They were determined to start a new life in the United States, but they were sad to leave their family and friends.

In 1992, Ivana and Vacek moved to the United States. Ivana's first job was in a delivery company as a junior clerk. She was told to organize the mail and the paperwork. The job was easy, and she worked quickly and cheerfully. Further education and training were provided and paid for by her company. In 1994, she was offered a job as a manager, and they moved to Houston, Texas.

Today Ivana and Vacek own a house. Vacek has his own Internet company, and their son is studying to be an engineer. In their free time, they offer free computer classes to other immigrants. They feel fortunate to live in the United States and want to help others fulfill their dreams, too.

B. Read the article. Circle the answers.

- Where are Ivana and Vacek from?
 - The Ukraine.
 - Kiev University.
 - Houston.
- What did Ivana do before she came to the United States?
 - She was a scientist.
 - She was a teacher.
 - She was a computer programmer.
- Why did Ivana and Vacek decide to come to the United States?
 - They needed more money.
 - They had many friends.
 - Their son was born.
- Why did Ivana and Vacek move to Houston?
 - Ivana got a better job.
 - Their son went to college.
 - They bought a house.

C Do you think it is difficult or easy for immigrants to fulfill their dreams in the United States? Why? Complete one of the sentences.

It is difficult because _____.

It is easy because _____.