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Lesson 1 I LEARNED A LOT FROM...

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Listen. What happened to Louis recently? What happened to Kristin?

Kristin: Hi, Louis. I hear you've made a big change recently.

Louis: Yeah, I have. I just got a job as a photographer.

Kristin: Oh, wow. How did you get into photography?

Louis: I had the opportunity to work with a photographer friend of mine. I learned a lot from working with him. I also learned that I wanted to be a professional photographer.

Kristin: That's great! Congratulations!

Louis: Thanks! Oh, that reminds me, Ana tells me that you just moved.

Kristin: Yes, I did. I had a setback last month when I lost my job, but it turned out to be the best thing that ever happened to me. I just got a much better job, and I moved to São Paulo.

Louis: I'm sorry to hear about your setback, but so glad to hear about your new job!

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Alex: Hi, Clara. I hear you made a change recently.

Clara: Oh, hi, Alex. Yeah, I did. I took a risk and made the decision to go back to school.

Alex: Oh, wow! That's amazing, Clara. What are you studying?

Clara: I'm studying to be a teacher.

Alex: I think you'd be a wonderful teacher, Clara.

Clara: Thanks, Alex. I think it's the best decision I've ever made. So, how about you? What have you been up to?

Alex: Me? Well, I faced a challenge last year, and I lost my job. Half of the employees at my company got laid off.

Clara: Oh, no! That's a shame. You're in sales, right?

Alex: Yes, that's right. Being unemployed for a year was one of the biggest challenges I've ever faced.

But I had a great opportunity last week. I ran into an old friend, and he offered me a job at his company. I start on Monday.

Clara: That's great! Congratulations!

[pause]

Larissa: Hey, Victor. How are you?

Victor: Hi, Larissa. I'm doing well, thanks.

Larissa: I'm surprised to see you at a bakery in the middle of the afternoon. You're usually at the office in the afternoons, aren't you?

Victor: Well, I decided to take a risk and start my own business.

Larissa: Oh, wow! That's really brave of you.

Victor: It was scary, but starting my own business is one of the most exciting things I've ever done.

Larissa: What is your new business?

Victor: This bakery! We just opened two weeks ago.

Larissa: Really? Congratulations! It's a really nice place.

Victor: Thanks, Larissa. I'm really happy with how it's going.

Larissa: How did you decide to open a bakery?

Victor: Well, I got into baking a couple of years ago, just for fun, but I ended up really enjoying it. Then a few months ago, I decided it was time for me to make a change. Oh, that reminds me, I hear that you just made a change, too.

Larissa: Yes, I did. I got married last month.

Victor: That's great! Congratulations! Let's have a piece of cake to celebrate.

Larissa: Thanks, I'd love to!