

***THE COMPANY PRESIDENT AND THE  
US IMMIGRATION SERVICE***



**Scenario: Listen to the story**

Sky Chef is a company in Seattle, Washington. It provides food services for the airlines. The company employs many undocumented workers in its kitchens. The company pays the workers minimum wage. The workers are expecting a pay check in 3 days.

The United States Immigration Service finds out that Sky Chef has undocumented workers and gives the company president a choice: (1) You can turn over all your workers to us so we can deport them, or (2) you have to pay a \$ 100 000 fine. If you do not want to pay the fine, you must turn over the workers to us the next morning when work starts.

## Learning Tasks

1. **Discuss the vocabulary.**

- What is "undocumented"?
- What is minimum wage?
- What's another word for "choice"?
- What does "turn over all your workers to us" mean?
- What is a "fine"?

2. **Answer True/False questions** that your teacher asks (for example, the company is in Washington, D.C. - true or false?)

3. **Retell the story.** What is going on? What is the problem?

4. **Discuss the options that the company president has.**

## Think, Pair, Share: Consider the consequences

Consider several options and write them down.

Think about what might happen as a result of each option. Then compare your answers with a partner. Share your ideas with the class.

<b>Option</b> What the president could do	<b>Consequences</b> What could happen as a result.
1.	
2.	
3.	

### Give your opinion

- What do **you** think the boss of Sky Chef should do?
  - (Use phrases such as *I think he should ...* or *If I were the president of the company I would ...*).

### Give a reason

- Why do you think your decision is a good one? Explain your reasons,
  - (Use language such as *I think this is a good decision because .....* or *If ....., then .....* You can also say, "My reasons are as follows: First of all, .....)

## **Role play the situation**

**Person A:** You are an immigration agent. Explain the problem to the president of Sky Chef. Give him options.

**Person B:** You listen to the immigration agent and respond. You then ask your spouse or best friend for advice. Make a decision and talk to your workers. Then explain your final decision to the immigration agent.

**Person C:** You are the spouse or the best friend of the president of Sky Chef. The president explains the dilemma to you and asks for your advice. Give advice or explain what you would do.

**Workers:** You are workers or representatives of the workers. The president explains the problem to you. The (s)he explains the decision. Respond to the president.

## **Write a skit and perform it**

Write a short play about the problem. Perform the play. Ask the audience: What should the president do? Then finish the play using the decision of the audience.

