

# MY NAME IS SUE

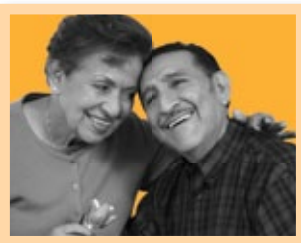


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**My name is Sue.**

**I work in a restaurant.**

**I am a cook.**

**I am a cook in a fancy restaurant  
in Manhattan.**



**This is my coworker, Abdul.**  
**He is a waiter in the restaurant.**  
**He is a hard worker and a good friend.**  
**We are a real team here.**



**This is our coworker, Jorge.**  
**He is also a waiter in the restaurant.**  
**This month, he is**  
**“Employee of the Month.”**  
**Jorge gets a free dinner**  
**because he is “Employee of the Month.”**





**Jorge has a date with Sophie.**

**It is their first date.**

**They go to Jorge's restaurant for the free dinner.**

**But, Jorge doesn't tell Sophie that  
he works at the restaurant.**

**Jorge pretends to be a customer.**



**Sophie looks very beautiful.**

**I think she likes Jorge.**

**Jorge is happy, but he is also nervous.**

**He wants to impress Sophie.**



**Suddenly, Jorge runs into the kitchen.**

**He says,**

**“I need your help!**

**Sophie wants to know the name of my bank.**

**I don’t have a bank!”**



**Abdul says,**

**“Don’t worry.**

**Tell her you have a checking account.”**



**I want Jorge to make a good impression.**

**I say,**

**“Tell her you have two accounts.**

**A checking account and a savings account.”**



**Abdul has a better idea.**

**He says,**

**“Change the subject!**

**Don’t talk about business at the dinner table.**

**You can talk about banks another time.”**





**Jorge doesn't have a bank account.  
He thinks banks are too complicated.  
Abdul offers to help.**



**The next day, Abdul and Jorge  
visit banks together.  
They go shopping for a bank account.  
Jorge asks the bank manager many questions.**



***What kind of accounts do you have?  
Does it cost me anything to keep my money here?  
Do you have an account with no fees?***



**The bank manager answers  
all of Jorge's questions.  
She is happy to help Jorge.  
And Jorge is happy, too.  
He learns a lot about banks.**





**For example, he learns about FDIC.**

**That is the  
Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.  
The FDIC protects your money in a bank.  
It's important to look for the FDIC sign.**



**I am happy for Jorge.**

**He has a new girlfriend.**

**He has a good bank.**

**Then one day, Jorge comes to the  
restaurant with a letter.**

**It's an application for a credit card.**



**Jorge says,**

**“With this, I can get a credit card.**

**I don’t have to pretend to be rich.**

**With a credit card, I can get \$5,000!”**



**I tell Jorge,**

**“You can get into trouble with a credit card.**

**When you buy things on credit,  
you have to pay the bill right away.**

**If you don’t have the money,  
they charge you extra.”**



**“Before you know it,  
a \$200 television costs you \$500 or more!**

**Forget the credit card.**

**Don’t spend more than you have.**

**Sophie will love you for who you are.”**

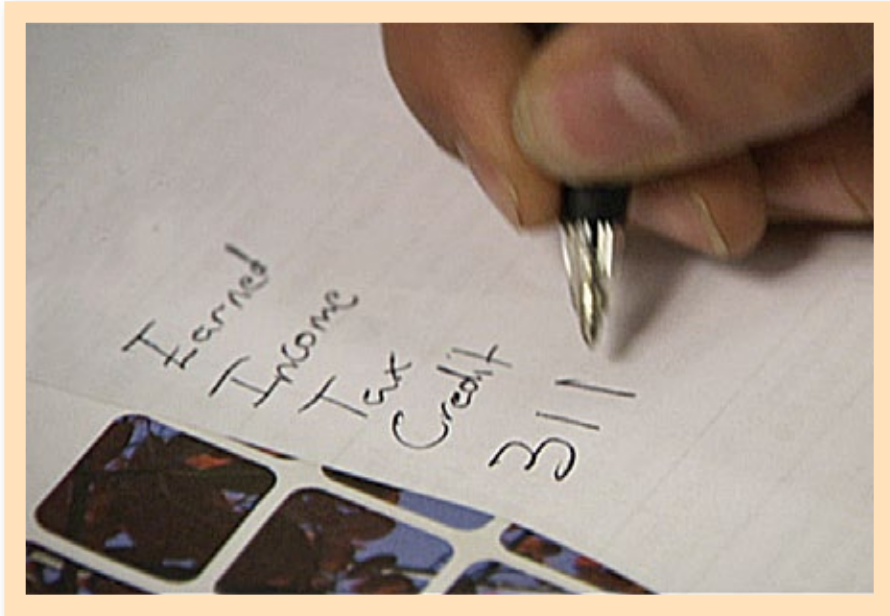


**Abdul has information about the  
Earned Income Tax Credit.**

**“The Earned Income Tax Credit is a way to  
get money back from taxes.**

**It’s free. Call 311.”**





**Jorge takes notes.**

**He is going to call 311.**

**He is going to get more information  
about the EITC.**

**Jorge is learning a lot  
about managing his money.**



**For their next date, Jorge and Sophie  
go on a picnic in Central Park.**

**It's not fancy, but it's not expensive either.**



**Jorge tells Sophie the truth.  
He tells Sophie that he works in a restaurant.  
He tells Sophie that he isn't rich!**



**Sophie isn't disappointed.  
She says she isn't rich either.  
She works in a nail salon.  
They are both happy to learn the truth.**



**Like I always say,  
we're a team here.**

**We give each other good advice  
about love and money.**

## Words used in this story

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