**Hard Beginnings**

**A Preposition & Gerund Story by Rafah and Rosie**

Alex was very excited (come) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to the USA, but he was also worried (be) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ successful in his new life. He always talked (do) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a lot of things here and in particular he dreamed (finish) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his studies. He was interested (pursue) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ an education in the study of human life and he believed (accomplish) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ his dreams. He was also looking forward (have) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ American friends. Unfortunately, he was not accustomed (live) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the American life style and was not capable (adapt) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his new environment easily. It took him five years before he succeeded (adapt) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to his new life.