

## Student A

### Fluency Writing 2

#### Before Step 1:

1. Silently read the article below.
2. Write answers to the Comprehension Questions below.

#### A Man Who Followed his Dreams (part 1)

When Gaston Acurio was in his early 20s, his father gave him money and sent him from his home in Peru to study in Spain. His father expected Gaston to study law and become a politician, just like his father was. In fact, his father hoped that someday Gaston would even become the president of Peru! **Do you understand?** However, Gaston had a secret dream for himself that was different from his father's. One evening, he had dinner at one of the best restaurants in the capital city, Madrid. That dinner cost about \$300, which was his allowance for one whole month. Even though that dinner was expensive, Gaston says that it was the most important investment he ever made. **Got it?**

When Gaston was a child, he loved to eat, but there was a problem. His mother and four sisters did *not* like to cook. As a result, when Gaston was about ten years old, he decided to start cooking his own food. **OK?** Nobody taught him how to read cookbooks, so the first things that he cooked tasted terrible. Although nobody in his family wanted to eat his first dishes, he was amazed at what he could make. **Understand?** Also, he discovered that he really wanted to be a professional cook. People thought that he was a bit weird because he preferred to spend his time cooking instead of playing sports. **Do you understand?**

#### Step 1:

1. Read your article to your partner. If they don't understand something, explain in different words.
2. Ask your partners these comprehension questions.

#### Comprehension Questions

1. What country is Gaston from?
2. Why did his father want Gaston to study law?
3. How much did he spend for the dinner in Madrid: \$100, \$200 or \$300?
4. When he was a child, why did he decide to start cooking his own food?
5. Why did people think that he was a bit weird?

#### Steps 2 & 3:

1. Listen to your partner read the next parts of the article. If you don't understand something, ask them to explain in different words.
2. Answer their comprehension questions.

#### Step 4: Do the exercise on back. ➔

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## Students

## A & B

### Step 4: Fluency Writing Exercise

1. Write a paragraph with as many details as you can about “A Man Who Followed his Dreams.” You can use the “Key Words and Phrases” in the box below to write your paper.
2. Write about the information from **both parts of the article** (Part 1 and Part 2), not just your part.

#### Key Words and Phrases

• Gaston Acurio <sup>1</sup>	• study law <sup>2</sup>	• politician <sup>3</sup>
• In fact, his father hoped <sup>4</sup>	• \$300 <sup>5</sup>	• the most important investment <sup>6</sup>
• His mother and four sisters <sup>7</sup>	• his own food <sup>8</sup>	• his first dishes <sup>9</sup>
• he was a bit weird <sup>10</sup>	• dropped out of law school <sup>11</sup>	
• for three years <sup>12</sup>	• extremely disappointed <sup>13</sup>	• make a living <sup>14</sup>
• standing in line at a post office <sup>15</sup>	• the right thing for him to do <sup>16</sup>	

## Student B

### Fluency Writing 2

#### Before Step 1:

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2. Write answers to the Comprehension Questions below.

#### Step 1:

Listen to Student A read the first part of the article. If you don't understand something, ask them to explain in different words. Answer their comprehension questions.

#### A Man Who Followed his Dreams (part 2)

This is the second part of the article.

Gaston Acurio was supposed to use the money that his parents in Peru sent him to study law in Spain. One evening, at a four-star restaurant in Madrid, Gaston spent the money on one dinner that he was supposed to use for one whole month while he was attending law school. The very next day after that dinner, he dropped out of law school and enrolled in a cooking school. However, he didn't say anything about this change to his parents. In fact, he didn't tell them anything about it for three years. **Do you understand?**

At the end of his three years in Spain, when he returned Peru, his family thought that he was coming back home with a law degree. However, at that point, he had to tell them that he wasn't a lawyer but, in fact, a cook. His parents were extremely disappointed because they thought that he couldn't make a living as a cook. **Got it?**

In the end, his parents were wrong. Gaston Acurio is perhaps the most famous chef in Peru. He has written some books, and he is the owner of restaurants in several countries. He is even the host of a television show! **OK?**

One day, his father was standing in line at a post office, and the stranger behind him tapped him on the shoulder and asked him if he was the father of the famous chef. Later, his father told Gaston that he now realizes that becoming a cook was the right thing to do. **Understand?**

#### Step 2:

1. Read your article to your partner. If they don't understand something, explain in different words.
2. Ask your partners these comprehension questions.

#### Comprehension Questions

1. In Spain, what did Gaston do the next day after eating at the four-star restaurant?
2. He didn't tell his parents that he enrolled in cooking school. How many years did he wait before telling them?
3. Why were his parents disappointed that he had become a cook?
4. What are two or three things that show us that Gaston made the correct choice about becoming a cook?
5. What happened one day when his father was at the post office?
6. This is a discussion question. All of us should answer it. Do your parents have a dream about you and your future? Is your dream the same as theirs?

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