



CLOZE EXERCISE

The Dream Act From KQED's Perspectives, 11/2010

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My high school classmates are from all over the world. They travel a lot, ____ visit their families, and even_____ school trips to countries _____ France and Mexico. When friends ask why ____ can't travel, I say my family _____ afford it. But really it's because I might never be able to _____ home to the U.S.

I consider myself Mexican-American. But because _____ birth certificate says "Mexico" instead of "United States," there are _____ of things I'm not able to _____ in this country, even though I've lived here _____ I was two years old.

Not being a U.S. citizen _____ a handicap when I was younger. I just knew I had _____ careful about telling people I was _____ in Mexico. My family _____ to begin the naturalization process, but _____ scared of what might happen. We have family friends who've _____ and ended up getting deported. My parents are scared the same thing could happen_____ us. We have no idea what _____ _____.

Now that I'm applying to _____, my immigration status _____ a big worry. When Senate Republicans _____ a single Democrat filibustered the Dream Act _____ September, it was a big

disappointment _____ me. Without the Dream Act I can't _____ any financial aid U.C. scholarships, _____ student loans.

And then there's the fact that _____ a degree might not guarantee _____ a great job. I don't have _____ social security number or other documentation employers look for. So finding a _____ that pays me well will be _____.

I've actually thought about going to _____ in Mexico and getting a _____ there. Because I speak fluent English _____ Spanish it would be _____ to get a job as a translator. Still, I can't imagine living _____ Mexico. I loved being there _____ vacation, but I knew I'd be returning home, to the U.S.

There have been times where I've asked myself _____ I'm working so hard when my status is working against me. I've felt like giving _____. It's scary -- I have no idea _____ my parents and I will be able _____ for my education without _____. But my parents always taught me that _____ is the best way to get ahead in life. And I'm not going to let them down.

With A Perspective, I'm Estafania.

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There have been **times** where I've asked myself **why** I'm working so hard when my status is working against me. I've felt like giving **up**. It's scary -- I have no idea **how** my parents and I will be able **to pay** for my education without **help**. But my parents always taught me that **an education** is the best way to get ahead in life. And I'm not going to let them down.

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