

• **conversation & writing activities for ‘Juan Santos’**

A. Story Exchange

- 1: *make groups of three or four*
- 2: *decide who is going to be A, who B, and who C. (In a four-person group there will be a c1 and a c2.)*
- 3: *A, tells the others in a story about one of the following:*
 - a. *An experience that I (or someone I know) had of working under bad conditions*
 - b. *How I (or someone I know) struggled (successfully or unsuccessfully) to improve working conditions (or to get a boss or company to treat (or pay) workers better)*
- 4: *B, repeats A’s story.*
- 5: *C (or C1 and C2), asks A questions about his or her story.*
- 6: *A becomes C (or C2), B becomes A, etcetera, and everything is repeated.*

work under bad conditions:

work in a place that is dangerous, unhealthy, hot, cold, crowded etc

struggle:

try hard to get something, fight,

successful:

you are “successful” if you do, or get, what you have been trying to do or get [verb: “succeed”]

working conditions:

the situation (or “environment”) at work

treat:

the way you “treat” someone is the way you behave toward them (especially ones you have power over: children, students, employees etc)

B. Writing

- 1: *write a paragraph telling one of the stories you have heard (not your own)*
- 2: *exchange your group’s paragraphs for the paragraphs of another group.*

C. Correction

- 1: *correct the errors in one of the paragraphs your group has received*
- 2: *discuss two or three interesting errors with the other members of your group*