

## Ernie and Tarek

Ernie, a new tutor, was matched with Tarek from Egypt who had been in the U.S. for 15 years but needed to improve his language skills so he could find a job. They met every week to work on his English skills for half the lesson and the other half of lesson they looked for employment using Craig's List. Tarek had never used a computer before so Ernie taught him the basics. They persevered for over 50 applications, and Tarek finally got an interview with a local golf course that needed a grounds maintenance worker. He was hired part time, and after a couple months he did so well they decided to hire him full time. If it were not for Literacy Volunteers of South Sarasota County he would never have gotten this job.

