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Jeff: What were you and Richard talking about earlier? It looked **intense**.

Lucy: Yeah, Richard said something to me that I **didn't appreciate**.

Jeff: Oh, no. I know how **insensitive** he can be. **What has he done now?**

Lucy: He asked me how long it took me to learn English.

Jeff: But, you were born and **raised** in California!

Lucy: Yeah, but **I get that** sometimes. It doesn't matter how many **generations** my family has lived in the U.S., we'll always be foreigners **in their eyes**.

Jeff: What a **racist!** **How can you stand** working with the guy?

Lucy: You know, Richard isn't such a bad guy. He **made the comment out of ignorance**, not **malice**.

Jeff: So, what did you say when he asked you how long it took you to learn English?

Lucy: I told him 28 years. And, he knows I'm 28 years old since I just celebrated my birthday last week. He was **puzzled** for a minute, and then he **got it**.

Jeff: Are you sure he really **got the message**?

Lucy: Yeah, I'm pretty sure since I then asked him how long it took him to learn English.

Jeff: That's **hilarious** ! What did he say?

Lucy: He said, "36 years," and we both laughed about it. He apologized and now, **it's all good**.

Jeff: I'm glad. I bet he won't make that mistake again.