



Mr. DeNunzio

Mr. DeNunzio was an accountant, but Mr. DeNunzio didn't like his job. Every morning, when it was time to get up to go to work, Mr. DeNunzio's chest got tight. He felt sad all over. Then he felt like he was going to throw up.

"I hate my job," Mr. DeNunzio moaned every morning.

His wife was sympathetic. But what was Mr. DeNunzio supposed to do? There were bills to be paid. So every day he went to work, and came home, and in every spare moment, he dreamed about his passion: pizza.

Mr. DeNunzio wanted to open his own pizzeria. Every weekend he worked on perfecting his crust. On weeknights he tinkered with the proportions of tomatoes, and spices, and sugar to create the perfect sauce. Year after year, Mr. DeNunzio scraped and saved his money. Then, one morning when he got out of bed, Mr. DeNunzio's chest wasn't tight. He didn't feel sad. He was not going to throw up.

"I am not going to work," he announced. "I counted our money last night. I have enough for a down payment on my pizzeria. I am going to the bank to get a loan!"

And that's exactly what Mr. DeNunzio did. The bank gave him his loan. He found a fixer-upper storefront on Main Street and turned it into a restaurant. He installed a brick oven. His wife hung red and white-checked curtains in the windows. And not long afterwards, Mr. DeNunzio clicked on the neon light that said OPEN.

Name _____ **Reading Sequencing**

DIRECTIONS: Read each pair of story events. Put a check mark next to the one that comes first in the story.

1. _____ Mr. DeNunzio tells his wife he hates his job.
_____ Mr. DeNunzio tried to create the perfect sauce.

2. _____ Mr. DeNunzio's wife is sympathetic.
_____ Mr. DeNunzio wakes up one morning not sad.

3. _____ Mr. DeNunzio quits his job as an accountant.
_____ Mr. DeNunzio tells his wife he hates his job.

4. _____ Mr. DeNunzio saves his money.
_____ Mr. DeNunzio quits his job as an accountant.

5. _____ Mr. DeNunzio gets a bank loan.
_____ Mr. DeNunzio's wife hangs checkered curtains.

6. _____ Mr. DeNunzio clicks on the neon sign that says OPEN.
_____ Mr. DeNunzio tried to create the perfect pizza crust.