Hassan’s Big Mistake
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Pre-reading questions:
• What do you like to study?
• When has been a time you were late for something?

College is a place where students learn skills they will need for their future career. My older brother, Hassan, goes to Howard University, where he is learning to become a veterinarian (a doctor for animals). Many college students say that they enjoy college very much, but it is a lot of work. However, the hard work eventually pays off when they get a job.

On the night before my brother’s big science test, he went to a theater production. Because he stayed awake very late, he overslept for his big science test the next morning at 8:00 am. Hassan woke up at 9:00 am and realized that he had made a big mistake.
“Oh, my! I’ve missed my very important science test!”

He got dressed and immediately rushed over to the science lab where his professor was in his office.

“Professor George, please let me take my exam. I overslept and I am very sorry for being late. I hope you will understand,” said Hassan, in desperation.

“Sure, Hassan, take your exam and promise me that you will never be late again!” said Professor George.

Hassan was able to take his science exam and he passed with an A+. Hassan learned that college should be taken very seriously.
When I go to college, I am going to study to become a doctor. I want to be a doctor because I love helping people become healthy. Also, unlike other people, I do not get queasy when I see blood.

I cannot wait to go to college because it is going to be so much hard work but a lot of fun. Where do you go to school? What do you want to be?

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