

# I'm New Here

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## Discuss

Talk through your thoughts.

- What does the word “immigrant” mean? Why do you think people move to other countries?
- In the book, Maria felt alone, Jin felt confused, and Fatimah felt sad. How did people in the book help them to not feel alone, confused, or sad? How could you help someone who is new to not feel alone, confused, or sad?

## Create

Make an experience of your own.

- With the permission of a parent or guardian, visit your local library or look online and research what schools are like in Guatemala, South Korea, and Somalia. How are they similar to your school? How are they different?

## Imagine

Use your imagination to explore.

- Think back to a time when you were starting at a new school, or on the first day of school. What were some feelings that you had? Nervous, excited, scared, etc. Now imagine that you are starting school in a new country. You don't know anyone, and you speak a different language. What might you be feeling? Use the book and the feelings you experienced to create a list of ways you can help someone who is new to your school or country.
- Brainstorm some ways you can communicate with others who speak a different language than you to make new friends and help them feel welcome.

## Explore

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- *All Are Welcome* by Alexandra Penfold
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