Keeping Our Language and Culture

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Grade 2 Research Simulation Task

Reading comprehension • English Language Arts • Social Studies

Our big question

How can we keep our home language and culture while learning a new language and about a new culture?

Culture includes the languages, stories, values, traditions, and ways of doing things that people share. Each family is different. A person can belong to more than one culture.

I can keep my home language and culture while learning a new language and about a new culture.

Draw something meaningful that a family or community can share

In this packet

Read three sources. Talk with a partner. Find clues in the words. Plan and write an answer using two sources.

You may share a real example, use a packet example, or make up a family. You may choose to keep family information private.



Families can keep meaningful songs and traditions.

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Source 1 Culture Can Grow

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Informational reading • Original classroom text

1. Culture is part of everyday life. It can include a language, a story, a song, or a way of caring for others. Families in the same town may do things in different ways. Families from the same place may be different, too.

2. A tradition is something people do again over time. A family may tell stories every Sunday. Another family may sing while cooking. These traditions can help people feel connected. People decide which traditions matter to them.

3. Learning about another culture can help us understand other people. We can ask kind questions and listen. We can learn a new greeting or read a new story. We can keep our own traditions while we learn something new.

4. People can share more than one culture. A child may use one language with a grandparent and another at school. Both languages can matter. Learning a new language does not mean a child must stop using a home language.

Read and notice

Circle one example of culture in the reading. Tell why it is an example.

Partner frame

One example is _____. Paragraph _____ helps me know this.



Families can share stories in their home languages.

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