Topic 1

Who am I?

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Key Words
backpack
beautiful
excited
happy
sad
tape

1 Look at the pictures.
Who are the people?
Can you describe them?

2 Listen and follow.
It’s Mei-Zhen’s first day at English school. She sits in the principal’s office. The principal is Mrs. Quan. Mei-Zhen is excited because she can learn more English. Mrs. Quan looks at a list.

“OK, Mei-Zhen. Your new name is Edith.”

“She has a name,” says Mei-Zhen’s mother.
“It’s difficult for the English teachers to say Chinese names,” says Mrs. Quan.

Mrs. Quan sticks Mei-Zhen’s new name onto her backpack.

Mei-Zhen doesn’t like Edith. Mei-Zhen means beautiful pearl. It’s time for class.

“Good luck, Mei-Zhen!” says her mother.

“Her name is Edith at school,” says Mrs. Quan.
In the classroom, there is a big rug on the floor with the alphabet on it.

“Welcome!” says the teacher. “I’m Miss Wilson. I’m from Canada.”

Miss Wilson has short hair. She is friendly.

“What is your name?”
“Mei…”

“Her name is Edith,” says Mrs. Quan, as she’s leaving the classroom.

“Hello, Edith,” says Miss Wilson. “Where are you from? How old are you?”

“I’m from China,” says Mei-Zhen. “I’m seven.”
“What’s her name?” Miss Wilson asks.

“Her name is EDITH!” shout the children.

“Where’s she from?”

“She’s from CHINA!”

“How old is she?”

“She’s SEVEN!”

Mei-Zhen walks to an empty desk and sits down. She feels sad.
“Now,” says Miss Wilson, “How many students are in our class? One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, and—with Edith—twelve! We have twel…”

Miss Wilson stops talking. Mei-Zhen is crying.

“What’s wrong, Edith?”

“Edith is not my name,” she says. “I like my name, Mei-Zhen.”
“Mei... -Zhen?” says Miss Wilson.

Mei-Zhen is **happy**. It’s nice to hear Miss Wilson speak Chinese. Mei-Zhen is a beautiful pearl again.

“Class,” says Miss Wilson. “This is Mei-Zhen.”

Miss Wilson takes the **tape** off the backpack.

“Children, don’t forget Mei-Zhen’s name. It’s very pretty.”

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Comprehension

1 Identifying Characters Listen to the first part of the story again.
Mark (√) the people in the story. 🎧

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.Write their names.
Mei-Zhen  Miss Wilson  Mrs. Quan

2 Circle the correct pictures.

1 What does Mei-Zhen mean?

2 What is Mei-Zhen’s new name?

3 How many students are in the class?

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3 Circle the correct phrases to complete the sentences.

1 Mei-Zhen’s mother and Miss Wilson...
   a like the name Edith.
   b are teachers.
   c want Mei-Zhen to use her real name.

2 The story is about...
   a how school is fun.
   b how our names are important.
   c how teachers are friendly.

3 Miss Wilson stops counting...
   a because she is sad.
   b because Mei-Zhen is crying.
   c because Mrs. Quan is speaking.

4 Using Pictures Number the pictures in the correct order.

5 Active Reading Cut out the pictures on page 173. Attach each picture to an ice pop stick.
   ✦ Listen and follow again. Hold up the faces when you hear the names.

6 Read and answer. Would you like to have a new name?
   Yes, I would. My new name would be ..................................................................................
   No, I wouldn’t. I like my name!
1 Look at the map and the pictures on pages 20 and 21. Where are the girl and boy from? What other countries can you see?

2 Listen and follow.
Country: India
Capital: New Delhi
Languages: Hindi and English
My name is Ayla. Ayla means oak tree. I’m from Morocco.

I’m good at physical education and math. I love soccer!

We raise our hands in class when we want to ask a question.

Soccer is a very popular sport in Morocco!

There are a lot of mountains in Morocco.
My name is Ravi. My name means sun. I am six years old. I live in Kolkata.

I’m good at math and spelling.

My math teacher is friendly.

We always listen when he speaks.

The national animal of India is the Bengal tiger.
Comprehension

1 Listen and follow again. Circle Yes or No.

1 Ayla is from Morocco.   Yes No
2 Her favorite subject is music.   Yes No
3 Ravi lives in New Delhi.   Yes No
4 His favorite food is curry.   Yes No
5 He listens to his teacher.   Yes No

2 Match the names with the pictures.

1 Ayla
2 Ravi

3 Mark (✓) the statements that are true.

1 Ayla and Ravi are six years old.   
2 Ravi and Ayla live in India.   
3 Ayla and Ravi like math.   
4 Ravi and Ayla are best friends.   
5 Ayla likes lamb with honey and nuts.   
6 Ravi likes lamb curry.   
4 Using Pictures to Retell a Story Look at the pictures on pages 22 and 23. Use them to talk about Ayla and Ravi.

*Her name is Ayla. She’s six years old...*

5 Active Reading Listen again. Act out the words as you hear them.

hand    honey    kite    oak tree    soccer    sun

6 Captions Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1 Soccer is a very popular ________________ in Morocco!

2 The national ________________ of India is the Bengal tiger.

7 Complete the fact file about you. Draw a picture of yourself.

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Share your fact file.
**Making Connections**

**Connect to Me**

1. How did you feel on your first day at school? Circle the answer.

   - [ ] happy
   - [ ] sad
   - [ ] excited
   - [ ] nervous

2. Choose a photo that represents who you are. Glue it in your notebook and write about you.

   ![This is me. I’m in my favorite class.]

**Connect to Social Studies**

1. Find pictures from around the world. Glue them on a map. Your teacher will help you.

   - ✤ Describe a picture for a classmate to guess.