

Name:

# Speak Up

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You're Korean, aren't you?

Yes.

Why don't you speak  
Korean?

Just don't, I guess.

Say something Korean.

I don't speak it.

I can't.

C'mon. Say something.

*Halmoni.* Grandmother.

*Haraboji.* Grandfather.

*Imo.* Aunt.

Say some other stuff.

Sounds funny.

Sounds strange.

Hey, let's listen to you  
for a change.

Listen to me?

Say some foreign words.

But I'm American,  
can't you see?

Your family came from  
somewhere else.


Sometime.


But I was born here.

So was I.

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## Speak Up, continued

 Read the poem on the previous page silently to yourself.

 Then read the poem out loud with your partner.

**One partner** reads the left side.

The **other partner** reads the right side.

➔ What is important in the poem?

Choose one back and forth between the two speakers and copy it below.

Speaker 1

Speaker 2

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➔ What are the two speakers thinking and feeling?

This speaker thinks:

And this speaker thinks:

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 Share what you wrote with your partner.