

# ENGAGE NEWCOMERS!

## Lessons and Activities

Grades 6–8

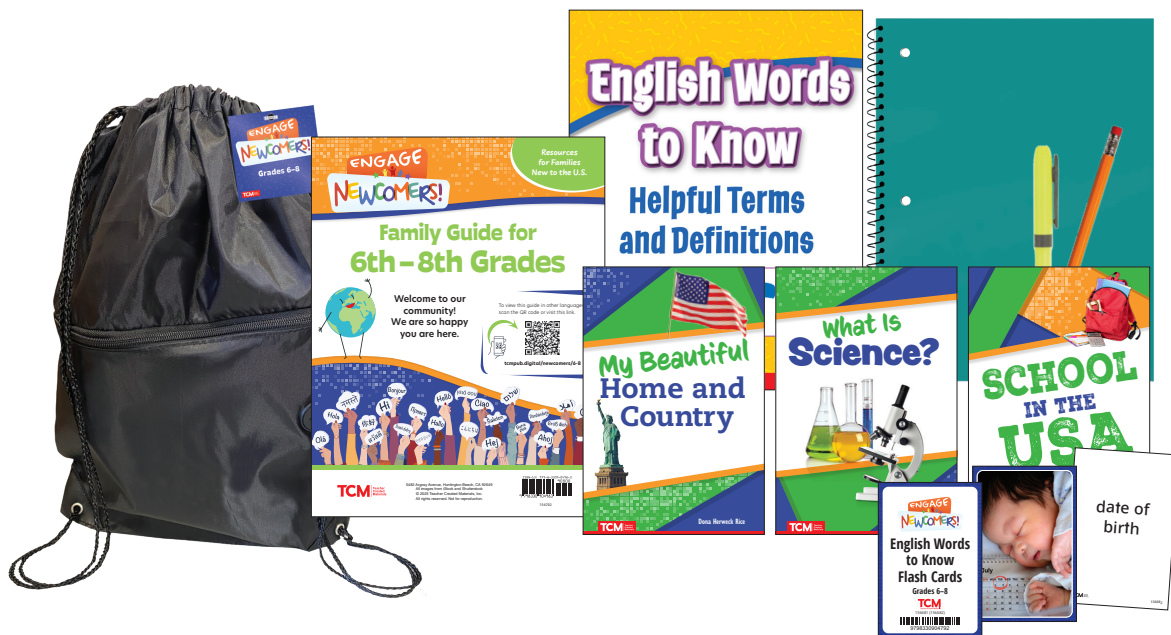
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Sample Reader



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NEWCOMERS!

Resources  
for Families  
New to the U.S.

# Family Guide for 6th – 8th Grades



Welcome to our  
community!  
We are so happy  
you are here.

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# Included in Your Backpack

## English Words to Know Flash Cards

These flash cards will help your child learn English words. You may choose to use a translation app to hear how each word is pronounced.



## Learn with a Game!

- **Draw It!:** Take turns being an artist. The artist picks a card. The other player should not see it. The artist draws a picture to go with the word. The other player tries to guess the word as fast as they can.
- **Write the Word:** Choose a card, but don't let your child see it. Use the QR code in the *English Words to Know for Newcomers* book to play the audio of the word and the definition. Have your child write the word on a piece of paper and say it. Then, show them the card so they can check their spelling.
- **Expand a Sentence:** Give your child a card with the picture showing. Have them say the English word and use it in a sentence. Take turns adding details to the sentence. Repeat with more cards.

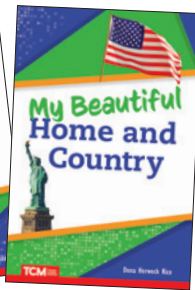
## Take-Home Library



This book will help your child understand what to expect at school.



Science and social studies books include images and information to support your child's learning.



Be ready for school on the first day!

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# English Words to Know for Newcomers


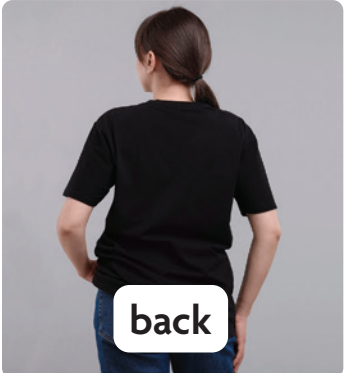


**Helpful Terms  
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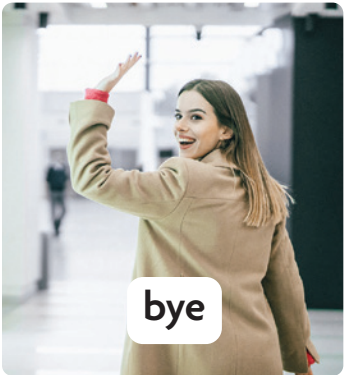




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## Words to Know

Picture and Word	Definition	Make a Connection
 <p>afternoon</p>	<p><b>Afternoon</b> is the time from noon to sunset.</p>	
 <p>back</p>	<p>The <b>back</b> is opposite of the front.</p>	
 <p>backpack</p>	<p>A <b>backpack</b> is a bag used to carry things.</p>	
 <p>bathroom</p>	<p>A <b>bathroom</b> is a room with a sink and a toilet.</p>	

Picture and Word	Definition	Make a Connection
 <p><b>book</b></p>	<p>A <b>book</b> is a set of pages that are bound in a cover.</p>	
 <p><b>bye</b></p>	<p><b>Bye</b> is what you say to people when you leave.</p>	
 <p><b>cafeteria</b></p>	<p>A <b>cafeteria</b> is a room where people eat.</p>	
 <p><b>classroom</b></p>	<p>A <b>classroom</b> is an area for learning in a school.</p>	



# Community Helpers



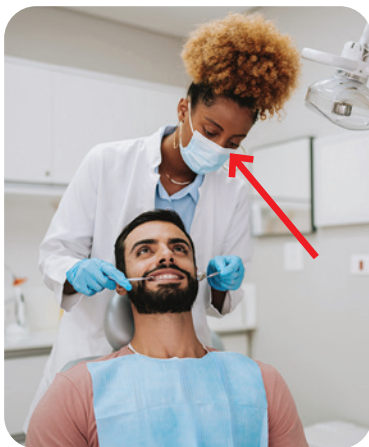
**bus driver**



**cashier**



**crossing guard**



**dentist**



**doctor**



**firefighters**



**lifeguard**



**mail carrier**



**police officer**

# Numbers

0  
zero

1  
one

2  
two

3  
three



4  
four

5  
five

6  
six

7  
seven

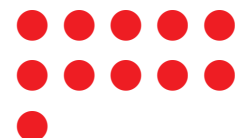


8  
eight

9  
nine

10  
ten

11  
eleven





# School Subjects



art



foreign language



language arts



math



music



PE



science



social studies



theater

# Subject Pronouns



I



you



he



she



it



we



you



they



they



# English Words to Know Flash Cards

Grades 6–8

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# July

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	
7	8	9	10	11	12	
14	15	16	17	18	19	
21	22	23	24	25	26	
28	29	30	31			

date of  
birth



# game





# locker



# SCHOOL IN THE USA



# Going to School

walking

by bus

by bike

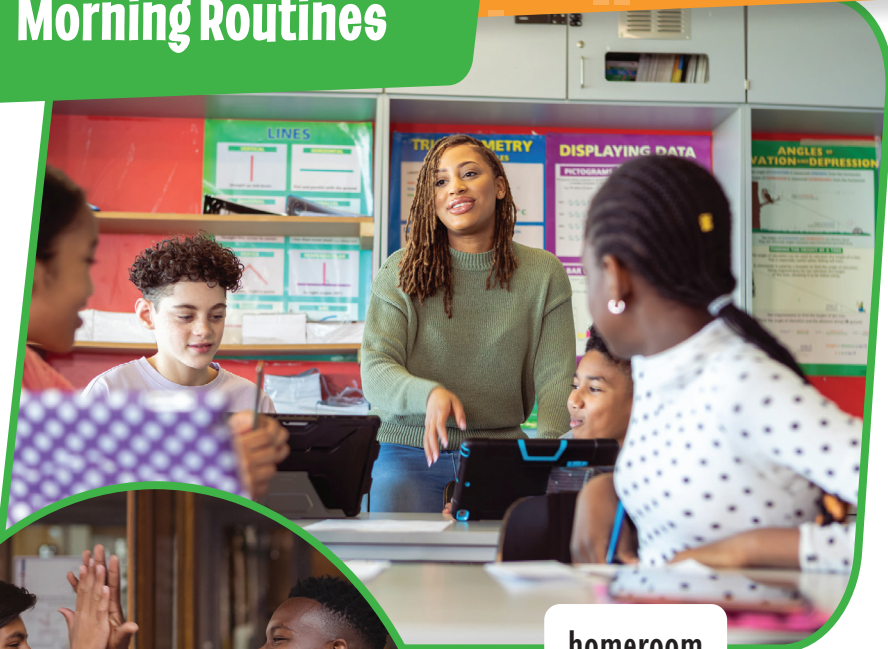
by car

crossing guard

crosswalk



# Morning Routines



homeroom



greet your classmates



schedule



announcements



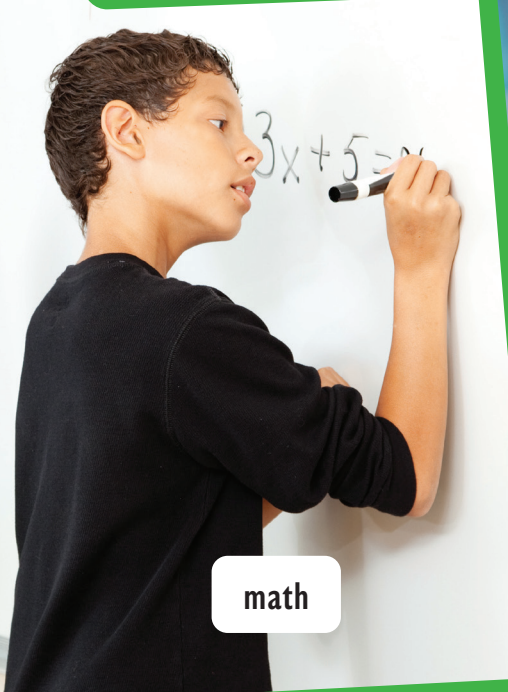
agenda



Pledge of Allegiance



# Subjects



math



language arts



science



social studies



physical education (PE)



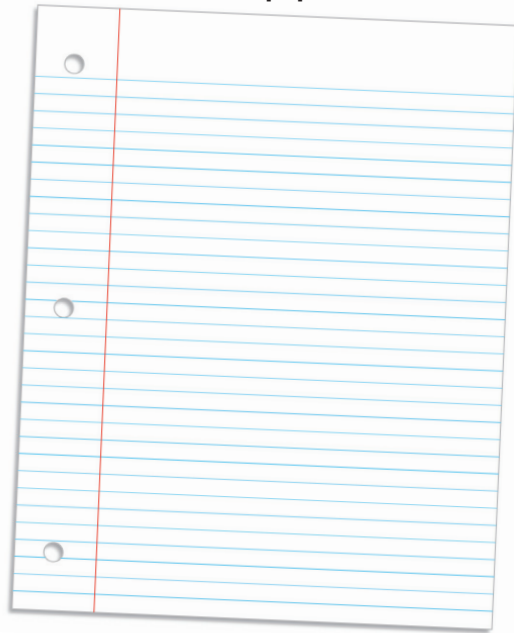
elective



# Supplies



notebook



paper



pens



**LINCOLN  
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

student ID

Firstname Lastname Grade 7



pencil

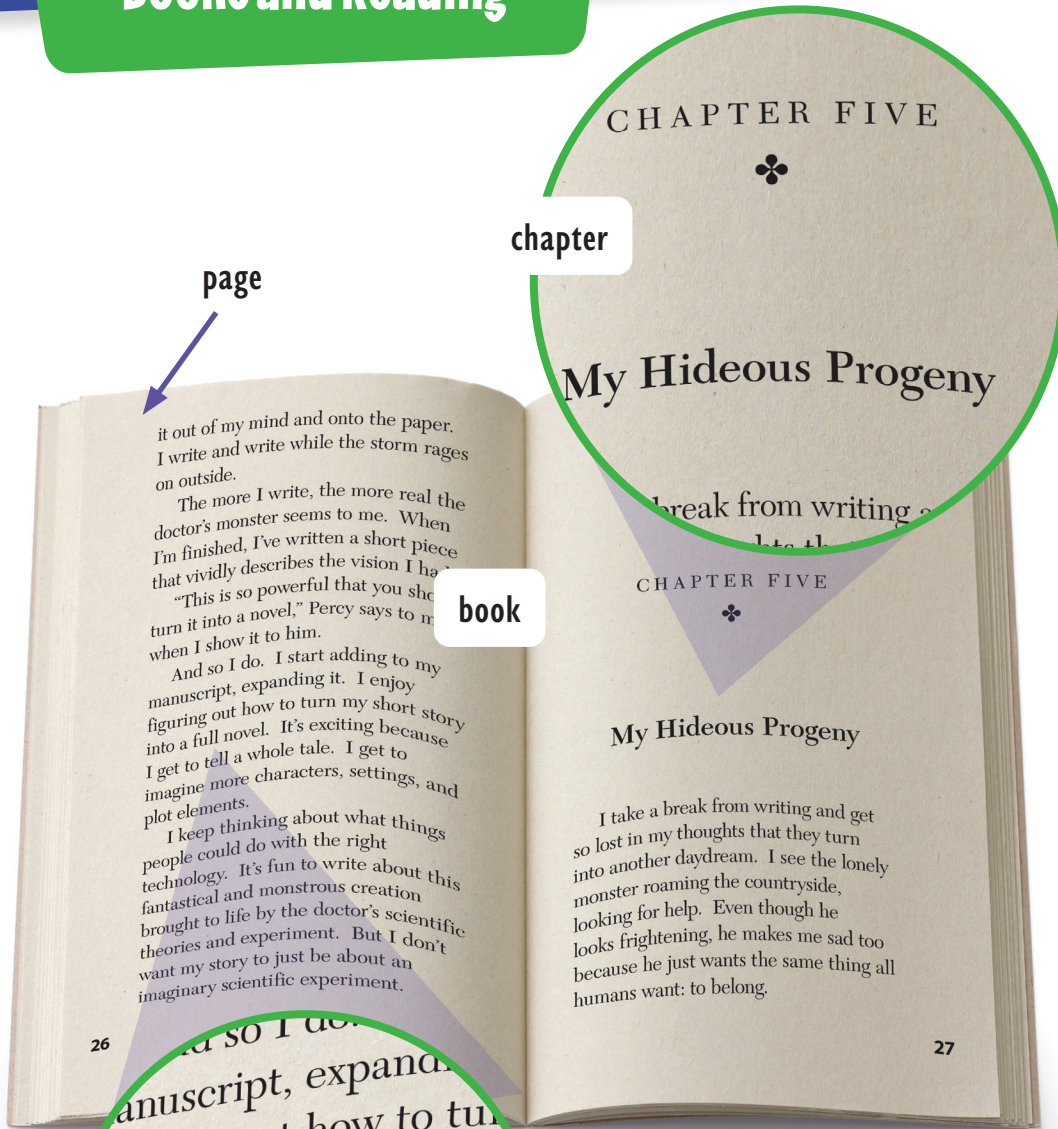


backpack





# Books and Reading



reading

...windows that revealed  
blackness—nothing of their  
future.

After landing, Aljabooli  
herded her five children  
into the airport, and the  
family followed the stream of  
passengers toward baggage  
claim. At the bottom of an  
escalator, a man waited with a  
smile. “*Ahlan wa sahlan*,” he  
said. “Welcome.” Suddenly,  
Aljabooli’s eyes filled with tears.  
It was the end of a journey that  
had begun five years before.

paragraph



The Tameem: Sofra, Mitez, Hala, Ghazweh Aljabooli, Kaidar, Mizzel, and Abdul Fattah

**Syrians Next Door**

After landing, Aljabooli herded her five children into the airport, and the family followed the stream of passengers toward baggage claim. At the bottom of an escalator, a man waited with a smile. “*Ahlan wa sahlan*,” he said. “Welcome.” Suddenly, Aljabooli’s eyes filled with tears. It was the end of a journey that had begun five years before.

Aljabooli’s family had lived in Homs, north of Syria’s capital, Damascus. But everything was upended by the war that began in 2011. The conflict has killed more than 400,000 people. About half the country’s population have been forced to flee their homes, and 5 million people have left the country. After bombs destroyed the Tameem’s home, they escaped into the neighboring country of Jordan. Two years in Himo followed as the United Nations processed the family’s application for **resettlement**. U.S. government agencies conducted background and security checks. Finally, the Tameem family became the first Syrian refugees in Iowa.

Des Moines, Iowa  
Housson, Texas  
Paris, France

diagram

TIME 2C SUMMARIZE INFO

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...manuscript, expanding  
figuring out how to turn  
into a full novel. It’s exc  
get to tell a whole tale.  
Imagine more char  
elements.

words



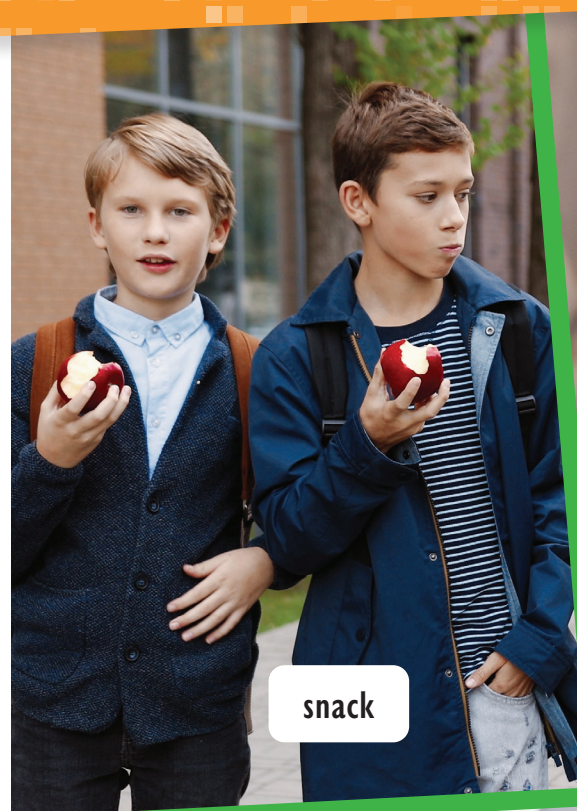
# Changing Classes

hallway

lockers



snack



tardy



restrooms



walk, don't run





# Ways to Learn



independent



technology



small group



school



class



partners



# Lunch



cafeteria

trash

friends

eat

drink

tray





# People to Know



teacher

student



principal



custodian



office staff



security officer



# Places to Know

classroom



office



gym



court



auditorium



library





# Equipment



desk



board



lab station

chair



bulletin board



computers



# School Events



fire drill



rally



dance



assembly



game



performance



# End of School Day

clean up



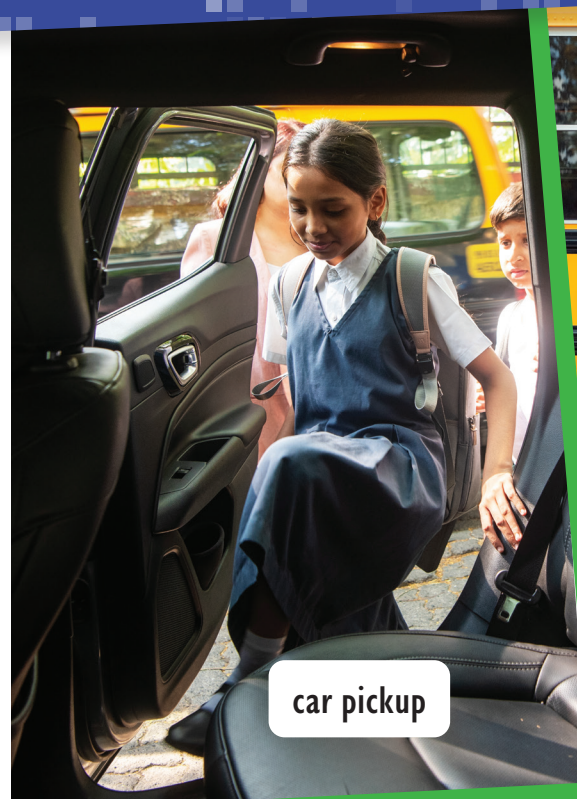
say goodbye



pack your bag



car pickup



bus pickup

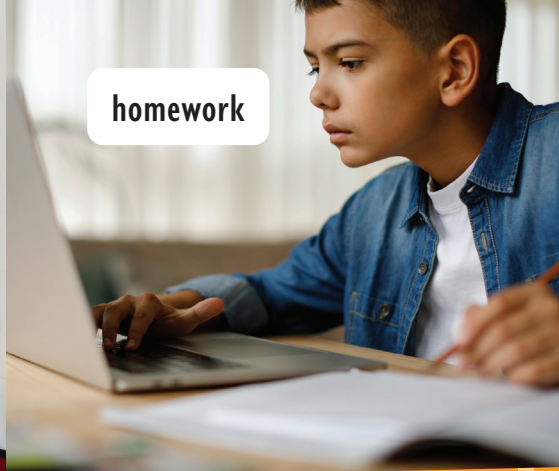


carpool





# After School





# Helping at Home



pets



siblings



family



chores



cooking



errands

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