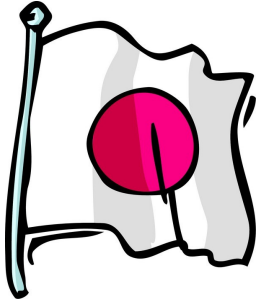


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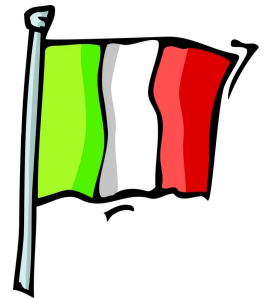
A Flag of Many Faces

by Kelly Hashway



Phoebe drummed her pencil on the desk as she stared at the blank paper in front of her. The assignment was easy enough. All she had to do was draw the flag of the country that best represented her nationality. But Phoebe was eight different nationalities. She didn't have one that was more dominant than the others.

"Take your time and make your flag the best it can be," Mr. Flynn said. "Everyone will be waving his or her flag in the parade at the International Luncheon next week."

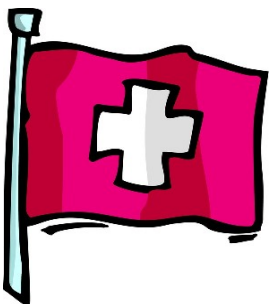


Phoebe scanned the classroom. Everyone else was already drawing. Phoebe saw flags for Ireland, Italy, England, China, Vietnam, and South Africa. Why couldn't she be like everyone else?

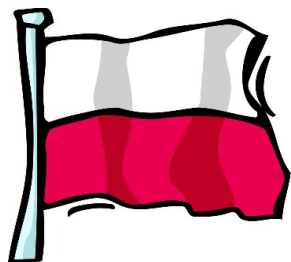
"Is there a problem, Phoebe?" Mr. Flynn asked, walking over to Phoebe's desk.

"I don't know what to draw. I'm eight different nationalities." Phoebe lowered her head.

"Well, then choose which ever one you'd like," Mr. Flynn said with a smile.



How am I supposed to choose just one? Phoebe wondered. She flipped through the flags in her textbook before turning back to her blank



paper. She had all the necessary materials to make the flag. Pencil, markers, ruler. She picked up the ruler and got an idea. She divided her paper flag into eight equal sections. Then she drew a small flag for each of her nationalities.

"Phoebe, which flag did you decide to draw?" Mr. Flynn asked several minutes later.

Phoebe held up her flag. "All of them. They're all part of who I am, so I couldn't choose just one."

"Cool!" Jeffrey said, leaning over for a closer look at Phoebe's flag. "I want to do that, too."

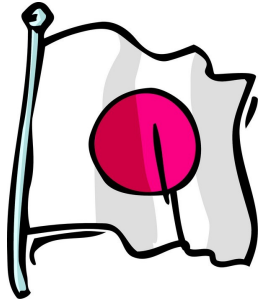
"Me, too," Erin said. "I'm four different nationalities."

"I think it's a great idea," Mr. Flynn said.

Phoebe smiled. She couldn't wait to wave her flag at the parade.



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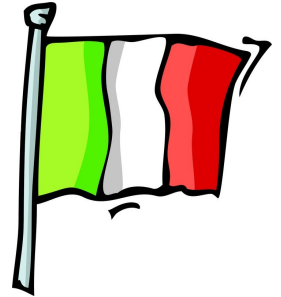
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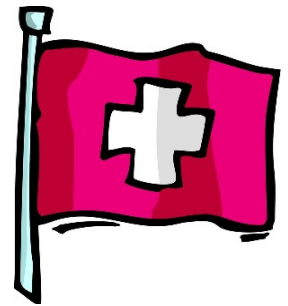
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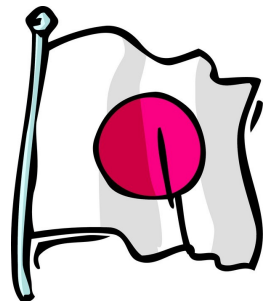
Clue: looked around quickly



3.

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Clue: separated into parts



4.

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Clue: midday meal held for a special occasion



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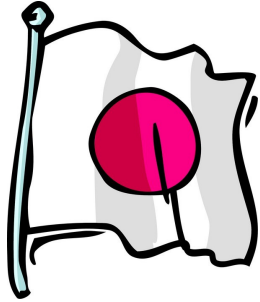
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ANSWER KEY



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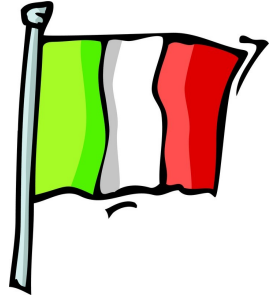
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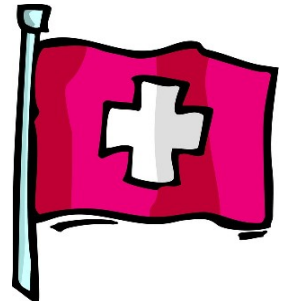


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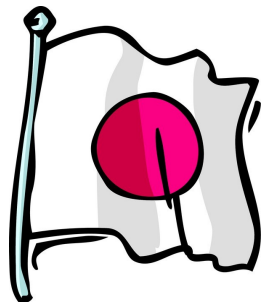


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