

VAdv Follow-up Activities

Text Type: TED talk

Week: 3

Title: My immigration story

Author/Speaker: Tan Le

Follow-up Writing:

1. Use reported speech to outline what Tan Le says about how she felt after winning the Young Australian of the Year award and being forced to interact in a new environment.
2. How effective is Tan Le's description of her journey to escape Vietnam by boat? What type of language does she use to make it seem real to the listener?

Follow-up Discussion:

1. Do you know any families like Tan Le's, where 3 (or more) generations live together in the same home? What about families that are single-gender (all female or all male)? Do you think the dynamic in these families is different than in traditional (2 generation, 2 gender) families? How so?
2. Do you think interacting in the new context after she won the Young Australian of the Year award made Tan Le feel like a new immigrant all over again?
3. Do you think sometimes it is less scary to stay in less than ideal/negative situations because they are comfortable and familiar, rather than take a chance on finding something better?
4. Almost all parents try to give their children a better and easier life than they themselves experienced. Do you think that sometimes this can be a mistake?
5. Why at the end of the talk do you think Tan Le says that if she could give her own experience of escaping on the boat to her children (but still keep them safe), then she would?