

## **Joseph's First Day of School**

Joseph entered his kindergarten classroom not speaking any English. He had never been in a school before and on his first day, he began running around the classroom and making noises. When the teacher told him to sit down, he didn't understand what she said and continued to make silly humming sounds. The other children began to laugh and started to make noises too. The teacher scolded the children, and said that they would have to give up 5 minutes of recess time to discuss their behaviour. During the discussion, the teacher explained that Joseph did not understand English and did not know how to behave in school. She asked the children to help Joseph become a successful school citizen.

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do you think Joseph felt on his first day of school?
2. How do you think Joseph felt not understanding what anyone said?
3. What could the students in Joseph's class have done to help Joseph understand good behaviour?
4. What could Joseph have done to help the other children learn about his life before coming to school?
5. How could you be Joseph's friend and help him learn English words?