

Stories Tell Us

Use short oral stories to notice community words, beliefs, and traditions.

1.14.B “explain the way folktales and legends reflect beliefs, language, and traditions of communities.”

NAME _____

DATE _____

Teacher: this page is run aloud. The script and answers are on the guide page.

1 CIRCLE IT _____

a	Belief	Words	Tradition
b	Words	Tradition	Belief
c	Tradition	Belief	Words

2 MATCH CLUES _____

hola	•	•	Tradition
lucky	•	•	Words
dance	•	•	Belief

HOW TO RUN THIS PAGE

Use the six short clues as category practice. Then read a complete age-appropriate folktale or legend from a teacher-selected collection with identified cultural context. Name the tale, teller/author and community before reading; explain unfamiliar words. Choose a version with clear language, belief or tradition details.

Students never read directions on this sheet. Read each part's script aloud, then each prompt, giving think time before students mark.

PART 1 • CIRCLE IT

SAY "Listen to each short community story. Read the page words with me, then circle the word that tells what the story shows. After you circle, tell a partner, "It shows ____ because ____."

ROW	SAY	STUDENTS CIRCLE
a	Listen: "In this story, people say hola when they meet." Read Belief, Words, Tradition. What does this story show? Circle one.	Words
b	Listen: "In this story, a shiny stone brings good luck." Read Words, Tradition, Belief. What does this story show? Circle one.	Belief
c	Listen: "In this story, families dance together every spring." Read Tradition, Belief, Words. What does this story show? Circle one.	Tradition

PART 2 • MATCH CLUES

SAY "Look at the clues on the left and the page words on the right. Draw a line from each clue to what it can show in a community. For each line, say, "This shows ____." Now listen to our whole folktale or legend. Point to or tell one story detail. How does it show a belief, way of speaking or tradition of the community in this telling? Say or show: It shows ____ because ____."

- **hola** matches **Words**
- **lucky** matches **Belief**
- **dance** matches **Tradition**

WHAT TO ACCEPT

Circle-row answers are Words, Belief, Tradition. Match hola to Words, lucky to Belief, and dance to Tradition. Accept a simple oral explanation that connects each clue to how the community speaks, believes, or acts together. Also require an explanation tied to the complete read-aloud tale and its named community. Accept speech, pointing with adult-supported explanation or communication aids. Treat the tale as one telling, not proof that every community member shares a belief. Generic clue matching alone is not enough.