

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

Read each short story aloud and have students mark the category it shows. Ask students to give a brief oral explanation using the frame, “It shows ____ because ____.” A story can reflect a community through the words people use, what they believe, or what they do together.

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 ____.””

- **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.