

Like You, Like Me

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Teaching Tips

Summary: *Like You, Like Me* is the story of two pen pals. While they live in very different places, they find they have so much in common. The illustrations are bright and inviting, and showcase the diversity of the world both girls live in. The two girls love sharing their passions, family, experiences, and community.

Activities:

A pen pal is a person you write to (or communicate with) who lives in a different place than you. Some pen pals live in the same state or country. Other pen pals live far away, like in different countries. Pen pals can communicate by writing letters, sending emails, or sending video messages. Consider asking your librarian, teacher, or grownup (parent/caregiver) to look into setting up a pen pal for you. You might make a new friend!

- How do you say "hello"? In the story, Vanessa says "Mambo" which means hello where she lives. How do you say hello where you live? How many different ways do you know how to say hello? Make a list of all the different ways to say "Hello!".
- Where Tulsi lives there are pine trees that smell like, "butterscotch candy." Where Vanessa lives there are frangipani trees that have a "sweet perfume." What trees or plants grow where you live? What do they smell like? What do they look like? With a grownup's permission go for a walk in your area. Draw pictures of the plants and trees you see on your walk. Be sure to use descriptive words to talk about the plants and trees.
- Vanessa and Tulsi describe their families and their homes. What does your home look like? Who are the people that live in your home with you? Use a blank piece of paper to draw and label a picture of your home.
- Vanessa and Tulsi love to read! Vanessa likes funny books and books about space. Tulsi likes books about animals and friends. Do you have a friend who likes to read the same types of books as you? What are the books you like to read? Make a list of some of your favorite books and share that list with a friend. Maybe you'll find you have a lot in common!
- Both girls make wishes in the story. Tulsi wishes she could "soar like a red-tailed hawk." Vanessa wishes she could "race like a cheetah." What's an animal you wish you could move like? Grab a blank piece of paper and draw that animal. Use this sentence starter to help you.

I wish I could _____ like a(n) _____.

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