

My Superpower

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I remember walking into my new school holding my sister's hand so tight. I was afraid of the new people and a new language. This new place felt different from Venezuela. I am proud to be bilingual because if someone speaks in English I can speak in English. If someone speaks in Spanish I can speak in Spanish. If someone wants to play with me and speaks in Spanish I can play because I speak Spanish. I am proud to speak two languages so I can help my father. I remember when we went to the market, if someone spoke in English and my dad didn't know what they were saying, I could help him because I am bilingual. I can help my mom speak English at home. Sometimes people call my house and speak in English. She feels scared. I can tell my mom what words to say in English. Even though I feel nervous I am proud that I am brave. I love English and Spanish. I am proud to speak to the people I love. When I came to America when I was 6. I was scared, I didn't know English. Now, being bilingual is my superpower.