

The New Neighbor

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 A big yellow truck sat in front of the empty house next door all morning. Priya watched from her front window as two men carried in a couch, a kitchen table, and one cardboard box after another. Then came a small blue bike with a basket, and Priya pressed her nose against the glass.
- 2 A girl about Priya's size came out of the house and sat down on the front steps. She pulled her knees up to her chin and stared at her shoes. A car went by, and then a boy on a skateboard, but she did not lift her head for either one.
- 3 Priya's mother came up behind her with a plate of warm lemon bars. "I made too many," she said, though she had baked only one pan, "so maybe somebody could carry these next door." Priya's stomach did a flip, and she smoothed her hair twice before she picked up the plate.
- 4 The walk across the two lawns seemed to take a very long time. When she finally said hello, she could hardly hear herself. Her voice came out as a squeak. "These are for you. My name is Priya, and I really like your bike." The girl looked up, and the corners of her mouth lifted. "My name is Noor," she said. "We drove for three days to get here, and I do not know anybody yet."
- 5 Priya sat down on the step beside her and held out the plate. "Well, you know me now," she said. "Do you want to see the creek behind my house, where the biggest frog is the size of my hand?" Noor was already on her feet, brushing the crumbs from her fingers.



The New Neighbor: Questions

The text does not say the answer. Find the clue that helps you and underline it in the color shown.

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red

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- ☐ She is afraid the men will drop the bike.
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- ☐ angry at the two men
- ☐ sad and lonely

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4. Why does Priya's mother really bake the lemon bars? Write the clue that helps you.

green

5. What can you infer about the place Noor moved from?

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- ☐ It is very far away.
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The New Neighbor: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

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Answers will vary. Example: Yes, because Noor smiles when Priya talks to her, and she jumps to her feet as soon as Priya asks her to come see the creek.