



New Places, New Faces



Talk About It

Where do you think this is?
Would you like your face to
appear on this flag? Explain
why.



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Vocabulary

overheard strikes
opportunities citizen
border boycotts
unions



Dictionary

Word Origins—where a word comes from—appears in its dictionary entry. Look up the origin of *boycotts* in the dictionary.



Mexico:

My New Home

by Harold Johnson

Dear Grandpa,

Remember when Mom and Dad thought I was asleep and I **overheard** them talking about moving to Mexico? You said that it would be an adventure. You were right!

I was a little scared when we left Maine. All my friends were there. Living in Mexico is very different, but I'm starting to like it a lot.

Guess what? I ate my first *tamale*. Do you know what that is? When I saw it, I wasn't sure I wanted to find out. But it was good! It's cornmeal wrapped in corn husks and steamed.



I have had many **opportunities** to try new foods. But sometimes I go to my favorite fast food place. So it's not a totally different world. We actually live less than 100 miles from the U.S.-Mexico **border**.

The farmers here work very hard but don't make much money to support their families. Some farmers join **unions**, organizations just for them, to protect their rights. Sometimes there are **strikes**, and people stop working, hoping that will make a difference.

Farmers are asking every **citizen** not to buy produce that comes from outside Mexico. They hope these **boycotts** will improve conditions.

I'm learning a lot about Mexican culture. Local harvests are really important here. There are fairs, called *ferias*, to celebrate. There's lots of music, dancing, and eating. Maybe when you visit, we can go to a *feria*!

Adios!

Paul (or should I say Pablo?)



Reread for Comprehension



Generate Questions

Make Inferences Use what the author tells you, along with what you know, to generate, or ask, questions about characters. This can help you make inferences.

Reread the selection for clues, and make inferences about whether Paul is enjoying his new home in Mexico. Use an Inferences Word Web to help you.

