Captions for Gallery 2 in Chapter 3

Pictures Tell Their Stories

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*Yujiao realized she was a girl when she jumped rope “because I was allowed to wear a skirt.” She heard early criticism from her mother, but then found inner strength to do well in school. Her dream is to host a TV news program.*

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*Growing up, Chen felt confused, especially when her parents divorced and she moved in with her uncle. Her drawing shows her reaching the other side of the river as she overcomes those difficulties. She hopes to be a pop music singer.*

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*At four, Mengping had long hair, wore a dress, and knew she was a girl. “I had low grades [in English] and I cried,” she says. She studied and her English improved. She wants to “make delicious food and bring happiness to people.”*

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*“I was adopted because I was a girl,” Maya says, “so I knew early on I was a girl.” Her challenge is to figure out “Am I Chinese? Am I American?” Her goal is “to travel the world and help with the oceans.”*