

MY FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL

INSTRUCTION:

Read or listen to the descriptions of **Speaker 4** (feeling judged for his alternative style and eating lunch alone) then write an empathetic message offering support and advice in a hundred words.

"I'm having a really tough time because I just moved to a new school. I really loved my old school. Everyone was more, sort of, open-minded there. But here, it feels like everyone is always staring at me.

Maybe it's because I look kind of different. I've got lots of piercings, and I dye my hair different colors, and sometimes I wear makeup. It's just my style, you know?



At my old school, I had a close group of friends, and they totally accepted me for who I am and how I look. We did everything together. But here, I feel like I can't be myself.

I try to make conversation, but nothing seems to work. The absolute worst part is during lunch breaks. I always end up sitting alone, pretending to be busy on my phone. I want to make friends, but I don't know where to start."
