

Before You Watch **Discussion Questions**

1. How many of you are parents or take care of children?
2. How many of you have children in school?
3. What can you do to help your children in school?
4. When can you visit your child's school? (before school? after school? other times?)
5. What is a parent-teacher conference?
6. Do you go to parent-teacher conferences (meetings)? What can you tell us about them?
7. What can you do to prepare (to get ready) for a parent-teacher conference?
8. What questions do you have about helping children in school?
With the person next to you, say or write 1 or 2 questions.

Let's watch *Welcome Parents*. Let's meet the parents in the episode and see what they do to help their children in school.

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Getting Involved in the Education of Your Children

Carmen and Fatima want to be prepared for the parent-teacher conferences. They think it's their responsibility to help their children in school. At first, their husbands resist getting involved. They feel that it is the job of teachers to help their children.

- What do you think is the responsibility of parents in their children's educations? What actions do Carmen and Fatima take to get involved? How do they show leadership in their communities and at home? What actions can parents take to get involved with their children's education?

Questions for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Carmen, Fatima and other parents make a list of questions to ask the teachers.

- What do you think are good questions for a parent to ask a teacher? Make a list of questions.

Practicing Your Lines

In the beginning, Juan resists taking action to prepare for the parent-teacher conferences, but he advises Carmen to think of questions to ask and to practice asking them.

- How does "practicing your lines" help prepare you for real-life situations? Have you ever rehearsed questions or words you would like to say to somebody? For a job interview? For speaking with a doctor? For talking to a teacher? For asking someone to go on a date? For getting a service at a library or store? When is the next time you want to practice your lines? What lines will you say?