# “Everyone Here is so Friendly” – Reflection Questions

**On a separate sheet of paper**, answer thoughtfully and in as much detail as possible.

1. Using clues from the story and inferencing, write a brief description of the main character. Include details such as age, gender, nationality, occupation, personality and reason for being “here”.
2. Compare your description with someone at your table. What differences do you notice?
3. Go through the story and highlight or underline the sentences that emphasize the narrator’s feelings of not belonging”.
4. Give some examples of the way people treat and react to the main character “Here” as opposed to “home”. (You may want to create a table.)
5. Judging by the character’s thoughts and actions, do they prefer living “here” or at “home”? Explain.
6. Authors often leave the readers in suspense until the end of a short story. It is usually the ending where we learn the outcome of the conflict, or the author’s main message, or something fundamentally important to the story. What information gets added to the end that helped you come closer to an understanding of the story? What does the ending tell you about the author’s purpose or message? What might the main message be?
7. Did the story make sense to you? Did you understand what it was about? If not, what questions do you still have?
8. Why do you think the main character responds to the new situation the way that they do? Explain their reaction by considering their thoughts, feelings and actions and why they think, feel or act in the way they do. Include examples from the story.