Read the sentences about the story. Circle Yes or No.

Yes  No  1. Lan Le opens her notebook and pulls out a piece of paper.

Yes  No  2. The paper is orange.

Yes  No  3. It is a note from Lan’s teacher.

Yes  No  4. The teacher’s name is Mr. Carr.

Yes  No  5. Lan’s father understands the word conference.

Yes  No  6. The conference is on Wednesday.

Yes  No  7. The conference is at 5:00.

Yes  No  8. Lan did something wrong.

Yes  No  9. Mrs. Carr wants to show Lan’s father her report card.

Yes  No  10. Lan’s father wants to talk to the teacher on the telephone.

Yes  No  11. Lan’s father speaks English very well.

Yes  No  12. Mrs. Pham can translate if Lan’s father doesn’t understand.

Yes  No  13. The conference is important.

Yes  No  14. Lan’s father doesn’t need to go to the conference.
A Conference with the Teacher

Hello, Mr. Le. I am glad to meet you.

I am happy to have your daughter in my class.

However, I am concerned about her reading. She needs to read more at home. Do you have any questions?

Do you need a translator?

Thank you. It’s nice to meet you too.

That’s good to hear.

Yes, I have questions about her report card. I don’t understand it.

Yes, thank you.
Use the words in the box to complete the sentences. Write the correct word on the line.

1. She wants to see you _______ ____ _______.
2. You have to go. It’s ___________________!
3. The ___________ __________ can translate.
4. Lan Le is a third grade __________________.
5. The teacher is happy to have Lan in her ______________.
6. I don’t speak __________________ very well.
7. We don’t have many ________________ at home.
8. Mrs. Pham can help if you have any _________________.
9. The ________________ wants to see you on Wednesday at 4:00.
10. Thank you for your _________________.
11. Lan opens her ______________________ and pulls out a piece of paper.
12. Lan can borrow books from the school ________________.
13. Mrs. Carr wants to show you my ________________  ______________.
14. The ________________________ is at 4:00.

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What means the same? Write the correct letter on each line on the left. The first one is done for you.

1. Did you do something wrong?  
   A. I have more to say.

2. She wants to have a conference with you.  
   B. She wants to meet with you in person.

3. Can she call me?  
   C. I am worried about her reading.

4. She wants to see you face to face.  
   D. But I am not fluent in English.

5. But I don’t speak English very well.  
   E. I appreciate your involvement.

6. You have to go.  
   F. Did you do a bad thing?

7. There are a few more things I would like to discuss with you.  
   G. She will definitely do it.

8. I am concerned about her reading.  
   H. She wants to have a meeting with you.

9. She is a little behind the other third grade students.  
   I. You must go.

10. I will make sure that this happens.  
    J. She is bilingual.

11. Thank you for your support.  
    K. Can she telephone me?

12. She speaks Vietnamese and English.  
    L. She doesn’t read as well as the other students in the class.
Problem Solving

The teacher tells Lan’s father that she needs to read more at home. How do you encourage your child to read more at home? What do you say or do to stress the importance of reading? **Discuss this subject in your group. Write down things you can do below.**

1. ______________________________________________________

2. ______________________________________________________

3. ______________________________________________________

4. ______________________________________________________

5. ______________________________________________________

**More questions for discussion.**

1. How much time does your child spend reading at home each day?
   ______________________________________________________

2. Do you borrow books from the school or public libraries?
   ______________________________________________________

3. What kind of books does your child like to read?
   ______________________________________________________

4. How often do you read with your child?
   ______________________________________________________