



The United States of America is a country of great 10  
**diversity**. More than three hundred million people live in the 20  
United States. They come from many different **cultures**. 28  
Millions of them were born in other countries. 36

People from the same culture share **traditions**. They may 45  
eat the same kind of foods. They may speak the same 56  
language. Sometimes people who share a culture live in the 66  
same part of a city. 71

Many Cubans live in Little Havana. It is a Cuban 81  
neighborhood in Miami, Florida. Many shops there sell Cuban 90  
foods or goods. Most people speak Spanish. 97

Many different cultures are found in the United States. 106  
People brought them from the countries where they were 115  
born. It is fun to learn about these cultures and their 126  
traditions. 127



One crisp fall day, Jake and Megan went apple picking. 10  
"Let's see who can pick the most apples," said Megan. "We'll 21  
pick for ten minutes." 25

"Okay, but we have to start at the same time," said Jake. 37

"Get set," said Megan. "Start!" 42

Jake put the apples he picked into one bin. Megan put her 54  
apples into a different bin. After ten minutes, they stopped to 65  
count their apples. 68

Jake had a **total** of forty-seven apples in his bin. Megan 79  
had fifty-one apples in her bin. 85

"Now let's **add** the number of apples in each bin," said 96  
Jake. "The **sum** will tell us how many apples we picked." 107

They added the numbers forty-seven and fifty-one. "We 115  
picked ninety-eight apples," said Megan. "That's pretty good 123  
for ten minutes of picking!" 128

## Words to Know

pick

start

tell

## Difficult Words to Learn

Word

Pronunciation

Definition

add

ăd

to find the sum of two or more numbers

sum

sŭm

the total, found by adding two or more numbers together

total

tōt'ł

the entire amount

## Choose 3 different ways to practice reading the passage

- Partner Read** – find a partner and read out loud to each other
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- CD** – listen to the story on CD; read along with the story as it is read
- Recorded Read** – record yourself reading on a video, CD or tape recorder
- Student-Adult Read** – read with an adult, have them listen to you read and provide feedback

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- Pause at commas and periods
- Raise your voice when you see a question mark
- Read exclamations with strong feeling
- Change your voice when reading dialogue as if you were those characters
- Comprehend what is going on in the story

## Words to Know

kind

many

these

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Definition

cultures

kŭl'chərs

the beliefs and practices of people from different places

diversity

dĭ-vŭr'sĭ-tē

difference

traditions

trə-dĭsh'əns

the beliefs and practices shared between older and younger family members

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