



## ***Stand up, Yumi Chung!***

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### **Discussion Questions**

1. Yumi's family owns a Korean BBQ restaurant. Have you ever been to a family-owned restaurant in your neighborhood? What was your experience like eating there?
2. Yumi is a child of immigrants. She mostly communicates in English with her Korean parents but sometimes mixes Korean with English. What Korean words did she use during the book and what do they mean? Why do you think she or her parents use certain words in Korean instead of English?
3. Yumi's parents don't want her to become business owners like them. Why do they push Yumi so hard to study? Why is education so important to them?
4. Yumi struggles to be herself. She even takes on a false identity as Kay. Have you ever changed yourself to fit in? What did you want to change about yourself and why?
5. Yumi's family and friends come together to save her family's restaurant. This is a great example of community action at the organic, grassroots level. Can you think of any examples in your neighborhood when people worked together to solve a problem?
6. If Yumi's parents' restaurant had closed, how would that have impacted Yumi and her family? How would it have impacted the community? How do family-owned places contribute to your neighborhood? Are there places in your neighborhood you would hate to see close? What can you and others do to protect them?



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