



# New Kid

by Dennis Foon

Based on a concept by  
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Directed by Adam Burke

Scenic Design by Robbie Vaughn

Costume Design by D. Daniel Hollingshead

Sound Design by Anthony Runfola

## The Cast:

Mug. . . . . Michael Arbuckle  
 Mench. . . . . Jenn Taber  
 Nick. . . . . Ricardo D. Araiza  
 Mother. . . . . Jessica Blaszak

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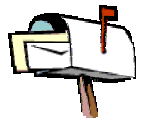
## Childsplay's Student Activity Guide For New Kid

Today you saw a production of *New Kid*, performed by Childsplay. Here are some things to think about and some activities to do now that you've seen the show!

### Tell your family and/or friends about the play!

- Who were the four characters? Which character was your favorite and why? What did the characters do? Was there a character that you disliked? Why? What was your favorite part of the play?
- Talk about the costumes, scenery, props, and music that were used in the production. Draw pictures to help describe the different costumes and scenery.
- Talk about Nick: in addition to moving to a new school, he had a new language to learn, making it even harder for him to fit in. Do you have any friends who speak a language other than English at home? Ask your friend to teach you some of his or her language (or, if you speak a different language at home try and teach a friend some of your language).
- Talk about bullying: which character is the target of bullying and which character does the bullying? How does the person being bullied deal with the problem?

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**Just Like New**  
 Answers: 1. blue; 2. threw; 3. to; 4. you; 5. dew; 6. two; 7. too; 8. through; 9. blew; 10. true

**Where in the World**  
 Answers:  
 1-K; 2-F; 3-A; 4-L; 5-E; 6-C; 7-D; 8-J; 9-H; 10-B; 11-I; 12-G

## It's A 3 Letter Word!

NEW and KID are three-letter words that go together. How many three-letter words can you think of that make a phrase? Have a contest with a class or family member to see who can think of the most!

Example: HOT DOG

## Where in the World...

Look in the atlas to find out where all these NEW places are! Match them with the locations on the right.

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|----------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. New South Wales   | A. City in Louisiana, USA          |
| 2. New Guinea        | B. City in Virginia, USA           |
| 3. New Orleans       | C. Canadian province               |
| 4. New Zealand       | D. City in Northeast England       |
| 5. New Providence    | E. Bahamas, West Indies            |
| 6. Newfoundland      | F. Island in the Southwest Pacific |
| 7. Newcastle-on-Tyne | G. City in New Jersey, USA         |
| 8. New Mexico        | H. City in Connecticut, USA        |
| 9. New Haven         | I. City in California, USA         |
| 10. Newport News     | J. Southwestern state, USA         |
| 11. Newport Beach    | K. Australian state                |
| 12. Newark           | L. Country of two islands          |

## Anti-Bully Plan

Being a *bully* is not cool! Neither is being the *target* of a bully OR being the *witness* to bullying. Create an Anti-Bully plan for your school that includes rules to follow as well as consequences for breaking those rules! Here's a great example to get you started:

- ♥ We will not bully other students.
- ♥ We will help others who are being bullied by speaking out and by getting adult help.
- ♥ We will use extra effort to include all students in activities in our school.

**For more information on bullying, go to [www.nomorebullies.com](http://www.nomorebullies.com)**

## Just Like New!

Fill in the blank with a word that rhymes with NEW. Notice how many different spellings there are for these words even though they rhyme! This makes written English especially difficult to learn.

1. On that bright summer's day, sky was a dazzling shade of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Sean \_\_\_\_\_ the ball to first base and made the out.
3. As they walked \_\_ the store, they talked about what to buy.
4. Ms. Walsh sang "Happy Birthday to \_\_ \_!"
5. The morning \_\_ \_ made the grass damp to touch.
6. Uncle Anthony bought \_\_ \_ tickets to the concert.
7. "Do you want to come, \_\_ \_?" asked Adam.
8. Marina walked \_\_\_\_\_ the doorway and into the theater.
9. Katie \_\_\_\_\_ her nose noisily.
10. "That can't be \_\_ \_ \_!" exclaimed Detective Withers.



## Wave Your Flag!

Nick and his family come from a made-up country called "Homeland." Create a flag that represents your own made-up country! Decide on a name for your country as well as colors and symbols for the flag!

