

One City Block

Read to see who lives on Rachel's block.

¹ Mama says the whole world lives right here on our block. Everyone is different, and I'll always like it that way.

² Right down the hall is Mrs. Rotollo. She and her husband speak Italian, but when they see me, they always say "hello" in English. When Mama was sick once, Mrs. Rotollo helped me make dinner. It turned out yummy!

³ Upstairs is Phillip. He takes dancing lessons. When I hear his feet thumping in the morning, I know it is time to get up.

⁴ Next door is Mr. Tran's grocery. Mama sends me over for fresh vegetables and fruit. Mr. Tran always picks out the best ones for me.

⁵ On the first floor of our building is Mrs. Moya's shop. I love the colors! I always know when it's going to rain because she takes her piñatas down.



Write one thing you know about each of Rachel's neighbors.

1. Mr. and Mrs. Rotollo _____

2. Philip _____

3. Mr. Tran _____

4. Mrs. Moya _____

5. Look at the picture and the story. Which neighbor seems most interesting to you? Write why.



6. In the picture, who is Rachel? How do you know?

7. Would you like to live in an apartment like Rachel's? Why or why not?

8. How does Rachel know it is time to get up in the morning?

9. In the first paragraph, why does Mama say "the whole world lives right here on our block?"
