

# “Salma Speaks Up” by Danny Ramadan



## Discussion Questions

1. What two main worries does Salma have at the beginning of the book? One worry is about her best friend Riya and their school's Speech Club, and the other is about her beloved family member, Khalou Dawood.
2. Why does Nathan's behavior in the Speech Club make Salma and Riya feel bad? What does Nathan say that criticizes the way the girls speak?
3. Salma notices that her uncle, Khalou Dawood, keeps canceling their plans. What important discovery does Salma make about what might be causing her uncle's low mood?
4. How does Salma learn to be brave and find her own voice? Give one example of when Salma speaks up for herself or someone else in the story.
5. The book teaches that an accent is like a map of where you've been. What is the most important message you think the book gives to kids about their own way of speaking and being true to themselves?

