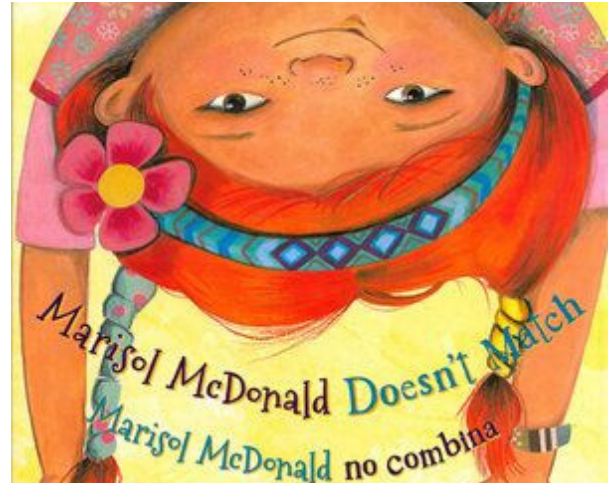




# MARISOL MCDONALD DOESN'T MATCH

MONICA BROWN

A little girl celebrates her multiracial background and pride in her individuality through a creative and non-conformist attitude. Marisol McDonald loves her fire-red hair and her brown, freckled skin, feels artistic pleasure in pairing polka-dotted shirts with striped pants and enjoys eating PB&J burritos.



## Questions:

1. Should Marisol listen to what other people tell her about herself, or should she listen to her heart?
2. Is it okay for people to look different than others? Do what we look like on the outside determine who we are on the inside?
3. Marisol likes things that most people don't think go together. Is it okay to like whatever you like, no matter what others think? Is there anything you like that most other people don't?
4. Do you know anyone who speaks more than one language? Do they sometimes speak both at once?
5. Does soccer-pirates sound like fun? What's another combination game you could play?
6. Why does Marisol try to match? Is that a good reason to change herself?
7. How does Marisol feel when she dresses up to match? How can you tell?
8. How do you think that Marisol feels when she reads Ms. Apple's note? How do you feel when you know someone loves you for exactly who you are?
9. How does Marisol feel when she gets to go back to being herself?
10. How did Marisol choose which dog to take home? What does she name him? Is that a normal name for a dog? Why does she name him that?
11. Is it okay for Marisol to be different from most other people? Is anyone totally "normal" and just like everyone else? What's something that makes you different from most others? Does that make you weird or special?