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YES! I ...

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YES! I AM ...

a person
intelligent
human

YES! I CAN ...

do a kick-flip
identify almost every bird at the Arcata Marsh
make great curry from scratch
wash my own clothes
WORK HARD

YES! I HAVE ...

courage

SÍ, YO SÉ QUE ...

mi familia es honrada
mi padre es bien trabajador
mi madre daría su vida por mí
soy humana y cometo errores
soy persona de color

YES! I KNOW ...

a lot about life because I have lived it
as a woman others plan my life, yet I know I can do what I want,

I will do what I want

CHANGE IS HARD

*all the little things that annoy my brothers, so I
keep on doing them*

definitely, how to hit that snooze button

education is the most important thing, but so is Love and
Family

English and French fluently

no matter what, I will be ok

no one can force me to do anything

YES! I KNOW ...

nobody can tell me who I am nor who I should
be

not speaking Spanish does not define my race,
ethnicity, or identity

**one day I will be able to repay my parents for their
support**

SAN DIEGO LIKE THE BACK OF MY HAND

myself

sometimes I will make mistakes

Tae Kwon Do

*the lyrics to every song on the playlist someone
made for me*

the only true measurement in the universe is
time

what a real family is

when we go out for dinner, people stare at us
because we are People of Color, but I also
know we do not care at all

YES! I KNOW ...

when you arrive at my abuelita's house there will be
food

where to go for help

WHO I AM ON MY OWN

who I want to help throughout my life

willow tree roots, when chewed, have the same effects as
aspirin

YES! I KNOW HOW ...

fortunate I am to have three siblings that love me and
support me

*not to be perfect, and not being perfect makes me
exactly who I am*

YES! I KNOW HOW TO ...

appreciate the little things in life

be a mother and also I know I do not have to be a mother

be courteous to others

be humble

be in a rush and how to be late

BE KIND

be strong

change a diaper

change my baby brother's diaper since I was 3 or 4 years old

*cheer up my brother, my sister, my mom and my
dad*

YES! I KNOW HOW TO ...

control my emotions just like my dad
dance the way my mother taught me
do my makeup in five minutes when I know the
bus leaves in 10
find love, and how to ruin love
have fun anywhere, anytime
HELP SOMEONE
kick a soccer ball hard just like my sister
learn
listen to others
love my family

YES! I KNOW HOW TO ...

love others and respect them for who they are
love unconditionally
make enchiladas just like my mom's
make huevos rancheros
make love last
MAKE SOME BOMB-ASS ENCHILADAS, NOT GOING TO LIE
make the best of every situation
make the people I love smile
pay my bills on time
play soccer like a Mexican

YES! I KNOW HOW TO ...

respect everyone's decisions

sleep

smile, although I hate my smile

speak Spanish, mira—sé cómo bailar hasta que mis pies
se cansen

spend money on food even though I know I should be
saving up

WASH MY OWN CLOTHES

work as hard as my father does

write a good essay

YES! I KNOW I ...

can call my tía if I ever need anything

can't solve every single problem in the world

don't have to give my parents nietos, not
now, not soon, not ever

have a beautiful life

have a lot more to learn

KNOW

Love

LOVE THE RAIN BUT I HATE GETTING SOAKED

love to help others

only love pumpkin pie when it's piled with whipped cream

YES! I KNOW I ...

want to be a mother and one day I will

YES! I KNOW I AM ...

a smart, intelligent individual

beautiful

better than my past mistakes

blessed

free and I am wild

good enough

INDEPENDENT AND WILL ALWAYS BE

loved

loved, supported, and accepted by my family

more than a girl waiting to be married and supported

YES! I KNOW I AM ...

more than hips for carrying babies

more than the things I know

not docile

not perfect

not quiet

smarter than others think I am

STRONG

stronger than I look

successful already

willing to learn from my mistakes

YES! I KNOW I WILL ...

always put my family first

be a loving mother, and being a mother will

not be all I am

never change for anyone

never give up

travel to find my roots one day

try and try again

YES! I KNOW IF YOU ...

ASK MY DAD ENOUGH TIMES HE'LL EVENTUALLY GIVE IN
AND GET YOU WHAT YOU WANT

*go to CVS with my dad when he buys beer he'll
buy you something too*

lick a cut your saliva will help heal the wound faster
make a funny face to a child, they'll laugh

YES! I KNOW IT IS ...

all possible

okay to not have it all together sometimes
really hard to say "bubble" in an angry way

okay to be angry

okay to cry

YES! I KNOW MY ...

family loves to talk out loud

ABC'S BACKWARDS

abuelita puts her coin purse in her bra

family will always be there

culture

dad hides his chocolates in his underwear

drawer

family loves and cares for me

family's history

family's struggles

feelings are valid

YES! I KNOW MY ...

mom doesn't really like my dad still plays futbol after his injury, but doesn't say anything because she knows how much the sport means to him

MOTHER IS SENSITIVE

parents struggle a lot, and their struggles are for my brothers and I

YES! I KNOW SOME ...

magic tricks

really good jokes

women do not want to be mothers and that is fine

YES! I KNOW WHAT ...

family means

I need to do when I go to work everyday

I want in life

I'd name my daughter if I had one and also what I'd name my son

it feels like to be ostracized by my own 'raza' and 'familia'

IT IS LIKE TO LOOK BETWEEN THE COUCH CUSHIONS AND UNDER THE CAR SEATS HOPING TO FIND ENOUGH QUARTERS TO BUY A GALLON OF MILK

to say, and when to say it

YES! I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO ...

have a good time

lose a loved one

be up at 2 a.m. studying for a test I have in a couple of hours

not have a home