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One thing that heavily resonated with me while reading Amy Tan's "Mother Tongue" is the part about having to get used to having to speak English. This resonates specifically with me because when I freshly arrived in America, it was a huge struggle for me having learned English while at the same time only being able to communicate in Spanish with everyone I knew. Just like she talks about her family having to deal with the same situation. Yet that is another thing that heavily resonates with me. The fact that my parents cannot speak English very fluently and they usually very much struggle with pronunciation to the point where assistance and help are needed from me. Just like Tan, I am sometimes called to help with a phone call or have to speak on behalf of my parents because they cannot speak English very well. Also, Just like Tan, I have two ways if speaking English, except that the difference is that instead of the English at home and with the outside world, for me it is English with my friends and my English at school. When is speak English in front of my friends it is a lot different due to the fact that I feel more free and I tend to use a lot more slang with my sentences and even my Spanish accent seems to stand out more. Yet when I'm Speaking in school and with an adult, I make sure to use sophisticated words and I always speak loud and clearly