

MIA BULJAN: Can you remind me what happens on carpet? Where are you supposed to sit? Does anybody remember?

MIA BULJAN: I use the carpet quite a bit, maybe more than I should but, you know, at their desk they're just so far away. Like, that kid is so far away and there's no good place to stand for everybody or whatever, and so they're far away and they hide. They hide behind the book, or they hide under their desk where they do things, or they hide...and I just, um, there's something about gathering them in, in this sort of almost like...it's almost like a pow-wow feeling. Like, we're gathering in on this idea, we're gathering in on this activity, so if I need their full attention I'll often do it on the carpet.

MIA BULJAN: Natalie?

STUDENT: It's the same spot you sit at yesterday.

MIA BULJAN: The same spot that we've been sitting. Can everybody remember their spot?

STUDENTS: Yes.

MIA BULJAN: And what about my friends in the back row? Do you have a spot?

STUDENTS: Yes.

MIA BULJAN: Okay. And, um, what else do we know about sitting on the carpet? What does it look like when we sit on the carpet? What does that look like? Picture it in your head. What are you doing?