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1. Discuss with a partner and decide whether you would consider the types of people listed below as an authority or expert in each scenario. For example, do you think a recent immigrant would have the authority or expertise to speak at a meeting of the Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition?
2. On the chart below, place a:
 - + next to the people you would consider an authority in a particular scenario
 - next to those you would not consider an authority
 - ? if you're not sure or if you feel you need more information
2. Add another type of person in the last row and evaluate their authority for each scenario.
3. Think of another scenario related to immigration and add it to the last column. Then evaluate each type of person for that scenario as well.

	Writing a blog on issues affecting Dreamer/DACA students	Speaking at a Colorado Immigrant Rights Coalition Meeting	Conducting a research study on well-being of immigrant populations	
Dreamer/DACA high school student applying for college				
Adult who recently immigrated to U.S.				
Immigrant rights activist				
Undergrad getting a Teaching English as a Second Language endorsement				
Professor of public health				

4. Choose a person from the table above that you feel is clearly an authority in a particular context. Explain your thinking.

5. Choose a person and context from the table above where you feel it is unclear whether they are an authority. Explain why it is unclear or what other information you would need to know to make a decision.

6. What's a context where you would consider yourself or someone you know well to be an authority or expert?