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# The Cockatoo's journey

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The blue and orange cards have some questions written in bold. You can write the answers to those questions on the next pages. Why? I'll explain. There are different organisations that can help your family return to your home country. You can read more about that later on in this book. To properly prepare your return, they work with your parent(s) to make a return plan. That includes how your parent(s) will be able to earn money after returning, where you could live, what school you could go to, etc. That return plan also takes into account what is important to you. Your answers and ideas can help with that. You can discuss them in a conversation with the return migration organisation. Or you can give the book to your parents. Your opinion is important!





*What will help you feel at home again in your home country?*

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*What do you think you and your family need to have a good life?*

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## The supervisor

The supervisor works for the Repatriation and Departure Service (DT&V), which is part of the Dutch government. The supervisor talks to your parents when they are told that you are not allowed to stay in the Netherlands. The supervisor helps to ensure that people who have to go back to their own country go back in the right way. The court may have decided that you can go back to your home country, but your parents may not agree with that. In that case, the talks with the supervisor can be quite difficult. The supervisor wants to help you and listen to you, but the supervisor does have to follow the rules of the Dutch government. The supervisor cannot help you stay in the Netherlands, but they can help make sure your return is taken care of as well as possible. The supervisor also knows exactly which organisations can offer extra help with your return. It can be difficult for your parents to decide whether they do or do not want to cooperate in returning home. For parents, the most important aspect is what is best for their children, but that is often a difficult call to make. If a family absolutely does not want to cooperate in returning home when they are not allowed to stay in the Netherlands, the government may decide to move the family to a 'closed Asylum Centre' and arrange the return journey for them. As parents do not want that to happen, they then often choose to go back themselves. But sometimes, parents keep hoping for a residence permit, and they choose not to go back. In that case, the family may thus be moved to a closed Asylum Centre. If you have questions about that or you are afraid that might happen, you can talk about that (with your parents) with your supervisor or case manager or someone else you trust.

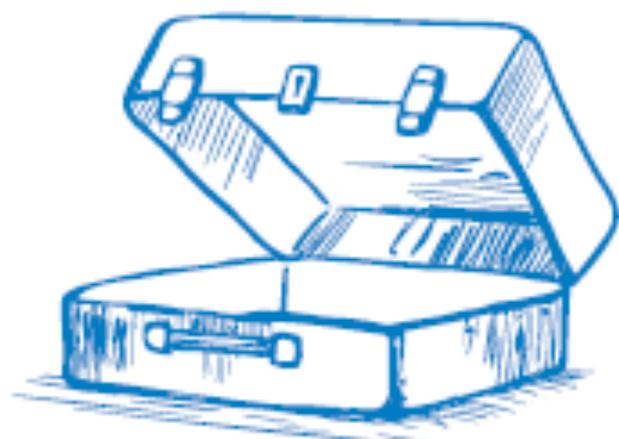


*What would you like to say to the supervisor? What would you like to ask the supervisor?*

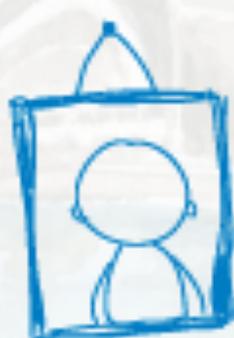
## In conclusion

You may have noticed that on the cards, the cockatoo is often wearing a backpack. Of course, cockatoos don't actually wear backpacks ;) but this one does. In its backpack, the cockatoo keeps good memories, things that helped it on its journey and gave it strength. The backpack reminds it that it is never alone, and helps it to not give up on its dreams.

The questions in the last part of this book are about your story, what gives you strength and what is important to you. You can answer these questions however you want. That can be in writing, with a drawing, pasting in pictures, having friends write things down for you, or you may have an even better idea. Like the cockatoo, you can take it with you in your suitcase or backpack, because it tells your story.



My favourite people. What I like about them...



# Examples of the cards



Cockatoos can make very loud noises. When a cockatoo 'talks', its volume is twice as loud as ours when we talk to each other. You can imagine how much noise a group of cockatoos makes when they talk to each other.



*Talk, talk, talk... Your parents have many talks about your asylum procedure: with people who work for the Immigration and Naturalisation Service (IND), with a lawyer and with people who work at the Asylum Seekers Centre, like the case manager. We explain who they talk to and about what at the back of the book.*

- *What do you think about all those talks?*

*You might wonder whether they are thinking about what is important to you, and you might want to talk to the lawyer, IND worker or supervisor, too.*

- *What would you like to say?*
- *What would you like to ask?*



Cockatoos like regular habits and need time to get used to a new environment. Many cockatoos stay in the same environment their whole lives, but there are also cockatoos that move around a lot. They live in different places in the winter and the summer, like the black cockatoo.



- *What do you think the cockatoo has to get used to when it goes to a new place?*
- *Would you rather live in one place or in different places?*
- *What is the upside to you having lived in multiple countries?*
- ✎ *What will help you feel at home again in your home country?*