



Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen

Chapter 9: _____

BEFORE You Read

Have you ever watched a boxing match? ____ What are

three character traits you think a boxer might have? _____

Name a famous boxer. (Look it up!) _____

WHILE You Read

Write the page number where you first see each of these words. When you are finished reading, use context clues to match each word to its definition.

☐ resolve	many people put their resources (money) in one place
☐ gains	find a solution or make a decision
☐ diversify	prize money; money won in a contest
☐ pool	very detailed information
☐ specs	make many different kinds of something
☐ purse	how much more you've made or received; profit

AFTER You Read

Why does Arnold want to talk to L.B.'s parents? 1) _____; and
2) _____. How do you think L.B.'s parents will react?
_____. L.B. thinks about different ways he could
tell his parents. For example, he could start by saying, "_____,
or, "_____. How do you think he should tell them
about this? _____

Arnold thought he was pooling L.B.'s money with a lot of other people to
support a sports team. Instead, what happened? _____
What does Arnold do to make up for his mistake? _____
L.B. seems unworried about losing money. How does he think about losing his
investment? _____ Do you agree with his way
of looking at money? ____ Explain. _____

One way Arnold is protecting L.B.'s money is by creating a diversified port-
folio. What is a "diversified portfolio"? _____

A diversified portfolio protects the investor's money because when

other _____ So if you lose money from one
stock, _____
Explain what L.B. would have to do to see the actual money (the cash,
the dollar bills) that he has made. _____