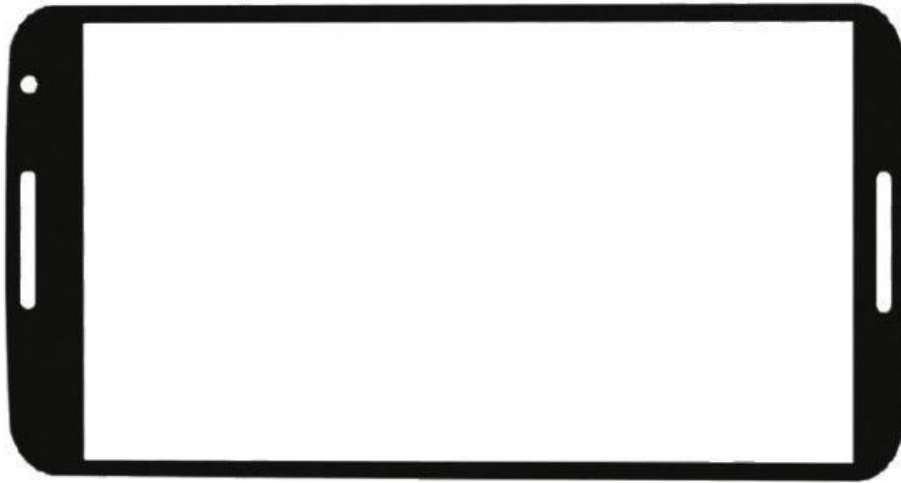


OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

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Match the following words and expressions with their definitions

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| ■ Inch (<i>noun</i>) | ■ metal in the form of thin thread |
| ■ Spike (<i>noun</i>) | ■ To be really bad at something |
| ■ Screw (<i>verb</i>) | ■ to show a lack of respect for somebody, especially by saying offensive things to them |
| ■ Wire (<i>noun</i>) | ■ a unit of length equivalent to 2.54 centimeters |
| ■ Atrophied (<i>adjective</i>) | ■ strange |
| ■ Overcome (<i>verb</i>) | ■ having no strength or energy |
| ■ Stink at sth (<i>inseparable phrasal verb</i>) | ■ to succeed in dealing with or controlling a problem |
| ■ Exploit (<i>verb</i>) | ■ to be equal to or the same as something |
| ■ Diss sb (<i>verb</i>) | ■ an offensive word for a white person |
| ■ Pity party (<i>idiom</i>) | ■ a sharp-pointed piece of metal |
| ■ Funny (<i>adjective</i>) | ■ stupid |
| ■ Limp (<i>adjective</i>) | ■ to treat a person or situation as an opportunity to gain an advantage for yourself |
| ■ Whitey (<i>slang</i>) | ■ To show that someone is incorrect |
| ■ Amount to sth (<i>inseparable phrasal verb</i>) | ■ to turn something round and round in order to fasten it in place |
| ■ Prove sb wrong (<i>separable phrasal verb</i>) | ■ A way of experiencing grief, in which you spend your time feeling sorry for yourself |
| ■ Dumb (<i>adjective</i>) | ■ having lost fat, muscle, strength, etc. because of a lack of blood |

Choose the right answer

1. Which activity helped Steven overcome his obstacles?
 - a. Playing football
 - b. Singing
 - c. Playing basketball
 - d. Swimming
2. Why did Steven need surgery?
 - a. He suffered a concussion
 - b. His right leg was shorter than his left leg
 - c. He had appendicitis
 - d. He broke his ankle playing football
3. Which professional athlete did Steven mention?
 - a. Michael Jordan
 - b. LeBron James
 - c. Peyton Manning
 - d. Jim Abbott
4. Which of the following are true of Steven?
 - a. He was born without fingers on his right hand
 - b. His legs were different lengths
 - c. A and B
 - d. None of the above
5. According to Steven, the best way to deal with an obstacle is to throw a pity party.
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Write your opinion about:

- ✓ Telling someone he or she stinks at something
- ✓ The way Steven deals with his disability
- ✓ Any other way to prove someone wrong

