

Listening Comprehension

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9.6.5 A Bet

DIRECTIONS: Listen and complete the blanks with the correct word.

Russell finished running a **1.** _____ and joined his friend Becky in the cafeteria. He asked, "What's for lunch?"

"**2.** _____ chicken. It's OK, except the meat's **3.** _____. Oh, and watch out for the chili peppers," Becky said.

"Chilies don't bother me!" said Russell.

"My stepmother says you should be careful with them," replied Becky.

An argument **4.** _____ about eating chilies. "Chilies aren't so bad. I bet I can take more bites of this chili than you," Russell said.

Becky was **5.** _____ of eating the pepper. Despite her **6.** _____, she didn't want to say no to the bet. She **7.** _____ about whether to do it or not. She **8.** _____ the details. "What will the winner get?" she asked.

"The loser has to carry the winner's books for a year! I'll even let you go first."

Becky replied, "Fine, but to **9.** _____, you'll carry my books for the entire school year, right?"

Russell **10.** _____ the agreement, "That's right I'll carry your books all year if you win—which you won't!"

His **11.** _____ **12.** _____ convinced her. The chili looked **13.** _____, but Becky knew it could cause a lot of pain. She bit the bottom of the pepper. Surprisingly, she felt nothing.

"My turn," said Russell. He bit the middle of the chili. Immediately, he seemed to be in **14.** _____. He **15.** _____ and his face **16.** _____ between brave and pained expressions. He experienced an **17.** _____ of spice. He was on the **18.** _____ of tears and finally let out a horrible cry.

"Take this," said Becky, handing him her drink.

"That was awful!" he said, continuing to **19.** _____ from the glass.

That night, Becky researched chilies. The next day she said in an **20.** _____ voice, "I read that the hot part of chilies is in the middle, where the seeds are. I'm sorry—I feel like I cheated by going first."

Russell was relieved, not only did he learn something new about chilies, but he learned that Becky was a good friend.