

Sometimes a Dream Needs a Push

Liveworksheets-ready • Vocabulary • Comprehension • Evidence & Inference



Name: _____ Class: _____ Date: _____

Learning Objective: I can identify key events, understand vocabulary from context, and use text evidence to make an inference.

A. Vocabulary Match

Match each word with its meaning. Write the correct letter.

1. exhaled	___	A. the basic or simplest skills or ideas
2. dejected	___	B. breathed out
3. congestion	___	C. crowdedness; too many people or objects in one place
4. fundamentals	___	D. sad, discouraged, or without hope

B. Reading Comprehension - Choose the Best Answer

5. Why does Dad teach the team to aim at a spot on the backboard?
- A. To make their shots more accurate B. To make them move faster
C. To avoid practicing D. To impress the other team
6. What problem does the team have during baseline practice?
- A. They forget the score B. They keep getting in one another's way
C. They refuse to use wheelchairs D. They leave the gym
7. At halftime, how does Chris feel?
- A. Proud and relaxed B. Angry at his teammates
C. Dejected because the team is losing D. Excited because the game is over
8. What change in Dad matters most to Chris?
- A. Dad buys new equipment B. Dad starts saying "we" and supports the team
C. Dad stops coming to practice D. Dad becomes the referee

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Evidence & Inference Practice

EVIDENCE	INFERENCE
What the text directly says or shows.	A conclusion you make from evidence + what you already know.

C. Evidence or Inference?

9.	Dad attends practices and teaches shooting fundamentals.	Evidence / Inference
10.	Chris begins to feel that Dad believes in the team.	Evidence / Inference
11.	The team loses, but the players give one another high fives afterward.	Evidence / Inference
12.	The players feel proud because they improved and competed well.	Evidence / Inference

D. Make an Inference and Support It

Story evidence: At halftime, Dad tells the team they can catch up. Chris notices that Dad says “we.”

What can you infer about Dad?

I infer that Dad _____.

What evidence supports your inference?

The evidence is _____.

E. Put the Events in Order

___	Dad helps the team practice shooting and positioning.
___	The Madison team arrives for the game.
___	Chris notices that Dad says “we” at halftime.
___	The team loses, but the players celebrate how well they played.

Exit Ticket: In one sentence, explain the message of this part of the story.
