



## 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

<input type="checkbox"/> resolve	many people put their resources (money) in one place
<input type="checkbox"/> gains	find a solution or make a decision
<input type="checkbox"/> diversify	prize money; money won in a contest
<input type="checkbox"/> pool	very detailed information
<input type="checkbox"/> specs	make many different kinds of something
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

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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. \_\_\_\_\_