



Lawn Boy

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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.

<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 unconcerned 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 portfolio. 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. _____