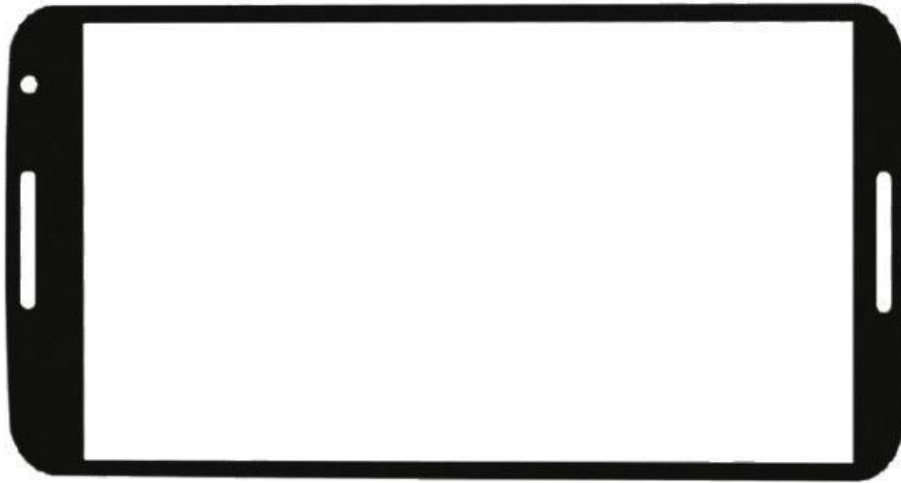


# OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

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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

