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## Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 193-202)

**Pages 193-196:** Justin gets a frightening message from Duane.



Look for:

- how the message gets to Justin
- why the message is scary



Read silently to the break on page 196 (this symbol: ○).



Turn and talk with your partner.

Who brings Justin the message?

- Ben
- Mr. Butler
- Jemmie

What does Duane's message say?

Duane's message says that

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Duane's message is scary because

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On pages 195-196, Jemmie gives Justin a printout of an email from Duane. Jemmie asks Justin if he'll tell his mom about Duane's email. Justin doesn't tell his mom. He doesn't want to upset her.

Can you predict if Justin will tell his mom about Duane's email later? Why or why not?

I predict Justin

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Turn and talk to your partner.

My partner predicts Justin

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## Partner reading, continued

**Pages 196-200:** Justin tells about gym class.



Look for:

- why Adrian Fogelin is telling us about this softball game
- what is interesting about it



Read to the break on page 200 (this symbol: ○).

Write down something Leroy says to Justin.

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Write down something Jemmie says to Justin.

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Share your quotes with your partner. What do these quotes show about Leroy and Justin?

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What do the quotes show about Jemmie and Justin?

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**Pages 200-202:** Duane explains his message.



Look for:

- what really happened to Duane with the “something big” that “just blew”



Read to the end of the chapter on page 202.

## Partner reading, continued



Turn and talk with your partner.

Duane explains his last letter. Summarize what happened.

WHO "some joker"

DID WHAT \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN while Duane was sending e-mail

WHERE \_\_\_\_\_

WHY \_\_\_\_\_

Read the last sentence on page 202 out loud.

I did this

My partner did this

Now, QUIETLY show what Mr. Butler's "drumroll of joy" looks like.