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Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 175-183)

Pages 175-179: Justin and his mom watch the war begin on CNN.



Look for:

- details that will help you summarize how the war begins



Read silently to the break on page 179 (this symbol: ○).



Turn and talk with your partner.

On page 175, Justin reads Duane's letter. Duane says that the war will start right away if Saddam doesn't give up.

Look at pages 176-177. Find two things Justin does that show he is worried about Duane.

Justin _____ page _____

Justin _____ page _____

Summarize how the war begins.

WHO the U.S. military _____

DID WHAT _____

WHEN _____

WHERE Baghdad, Iraq's capital city _____

WHY _____

Partner reading, continued



Look at pages 178-179. Now that the war has started, how is Justin's mom feeling? Find two details that show how she feels.

Justin's mom _____ page _____

Justin's mom _____ page _____

Read one of your details to your partner. Tell your partner what it shows about Justin's mother.

Pages 179-183: Ben gets mad at Justin. Then, the two friends work things out.



Look for:

- why Ben's parents are upset about the war
- why Ben gets upset with Justin



Read silently to the end of the chapter on page 183.



Turn and talk with your partner.

Why is Ben's dad upset about the war?

Ben's dad is upset about the war because _____

Partner reading, continued

Justin and Ben's friendship has had problems. Why?

Justin has been angry with Ben because...	Suddenly, Ben gets upset with Justin because...



How do Ben and Justin work things out? Tell your partner. Choose some sentences to read out loud that tell how they worked things out.

- I talked about how Ben and Justin worked things out.
- My partner talked about how Ben and Justin worked things out.