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Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 213-222)

Pages 213-218: Jack is back! How will Justin and his mom react?



Look for:

- important info to help you summarize
- why Justin's dad comes back



Read until "I may be gone a while" on page 218.



Turn and talk to your partner and fill in the Cause and Effect table below.

Cause	Effect
	Justin smashes a chair to the ground and a chair leg rolls across the rug. (p. 215)
	Justin's dad says that Justin had developed some backbone while he's been away. (p. 216)
	Justin's mom doesn't cry when she sees her husband. Justin is proud of her. (p. 217)


Summarize what happens.

WHO Jack, Justin's dad

DID WHAT _____

WHEN _____

Partner reading, continued

 Why did Jack come back? Talk it over with your partner.

Inference

I think the reason Jack came back is


Evidence

I know this is the reason because

 Find where Justin says, “I feel myself flicker like a flame going out,” near the top of page 218. How does he feel here?

Try to think of two adjectives (like “happy” or “confused”) that describe his feelings. Talk with your partner.

my adjectives	my partner's adjectives
1.	1.
2.	2.

 Read from page 218 to the end of the chapter on page 222. When you get to the words, “Family is family,” look up.

 Turn and talk with your partner.

Partner reading, continued



Find on page 219, where Nana Grace says, “You can’t just toss family away.”

What does Nana Grace think Justin should do?

Nana Grace thinks Justin should



Is Nana Grace right or wrong? Talk with your partner.

I think Nana Grace is right wrong because

My partner thinks Nana Grace is right wrong because



Read the last paragraph out loud. Listen to your partner read the last paragraph out loud.

I read out loud

My partner read out loud

In the last paragraph, Justin decides to
