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Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 101-108)

Pages 101-104: Justin hides out. Then, Cass and Jemmie fight.



Look for:

- why Justin hides
- details that will help you summarize



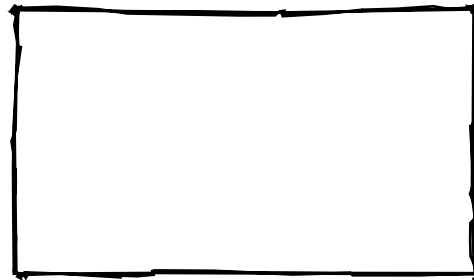
Read silently to the break on page 104 (this symbol: ○).



Turn and talk with your partner.

Draw a quick sketch of Justin's face.

Justin feels self conscious because



Skills Review: Clarifying

At the top of page 104, it says, “Cass has undergone a weird, skirt-wearing conversion since she and Ben started going together. Even though it’s cold, Jemmie sticks stubbornly to their old uniform, shorts and a T-shirt.”

In the passage above, underline the words that tell us what Cass used to wear.

Now, Cass wears

What could conversion mean here?


Conversion means

Can you think of a different kind of conversion?

Sometimes people convert from _____ to _____.

Partner reading, continued


Pages 104-106: Jemmie and Cass have a fight in school and Justin goes to Jemmie's house to play the piano.

 Read silently to the end of page 106 where it says "but it's a sad one."


 Turn and talk to your partner and fill in the columns below.

Cause	Effect
	Justin plays a sad tune on the piano at Jemmie's house
Cass and Jemmie have a fight in school (p. 104)	

Pages 106-108: Here, Cass and Jemmie talk, and Ben and Justin talk.

 Look for:

- what happens with Cass and Jemmie
- what Ben says about his feelings

 Read silently to the end of the chapter on page 108.

 Turn and talk with your partner.

Summarize what Jemmie did after school.

WHO Jemmie

DID WHAT _____

WHERE at the school

WHEN after school

WHY _____

Partner reading, continued

Making inferences about character

Find a line that tells how Ben feels about Justin. Copy it below.

Do you think Justin feels the same way?

yes

no

On page 108, after Ben says how he feels, Justin says, “This is my chance to say how I feel. This is my chance to talk.” Why doesn’t Justin say how he feels? Make an inference.

Justin doesn't tell Ben how he feels because
