Day One Money, Money, Money

Part 1: Silent read

→ Many high school athletes aim for college scholarships. Do these athletes understand what they're aiming for? Read silently.

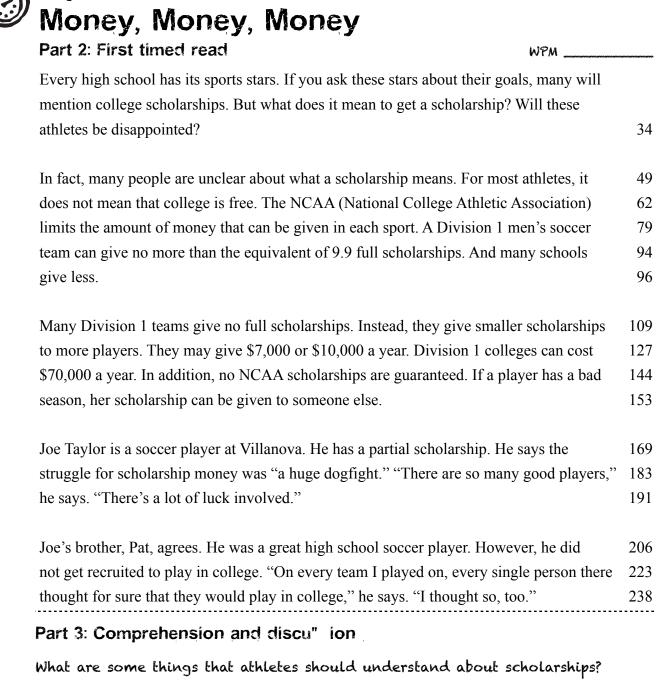
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Joe's brother, Pat, agrees. He was a great high school soccer player. However, he did not get recruited to play in college. "On every team I played on, every single person there thought for sure that they would play in college," he says. "I thought so, too."



Who sets limits on how much scholarship money schools can give?

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Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

 \rightarrow Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.

 \rightarrow Pause at each / mark for a phrase.

 \rightarrow Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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