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Homework

Playing the game

Drew meets a homeless man, Mr. Ferguson. Mr. Ferguson says he could be lying in the street and nobody would care. Anything he once had got taken away from him. It seems to Drew that Mr. Ferguson has messed himself up with booze or drugs. Mr. Ferguson says to Drew:

“If you know you don’t have a win, then there’s no use for you being in the game.”

Mr. Ferguson is using a **metaphor**, where you connect one thing to another.

Try to complete the chart below showing what you think Mr. Ferguson really means when he says “the game” and when he says “a win.”

When Mr. Ferguson says . . .	He really means . . .
“a win”	
“the game”	

Going back home on the subway, Drew says he was really bothered by Mr. Ferguson’s words:

“If you know you don’t have a win, then there’s no use for you being in the game.”

What could Drew be thinking about? Why do Mr. Ferguson’s words bother Drew right now?



This bothers Drew because _____

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