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## Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 59-65)

**Pages 59-62:** Here, we'll meet Leroy.



Look for:

- why Justin feels left out
- if Leroy and Justin like each other



Read silently to the bottom of page 62.



Turn and talk with your partner.

Justin feels left out. Make an inference. Why do you think Ben and Leroy didn't pick him up?

I think Ben and Leroy didn't pick Justin up because

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Toward the bottom of page 60, Justin is talking about Jemmie. He says, "As long as I don't screw it up and tell her that I like her, I'll keep flying under the radar."

"Flying under the radar" is figurative language. What does it mean?

It means

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## Partner reading, continued

 Turn and talk with your partner.


How do Leroy and Justin feel about each other? Are they friends? Enemies?

Leroy and Justin are:  friends  enemies

I know this because on page \_\_\_\_\_, this happens:

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 On pages 61-62, Ben and Leroy go to school to play basketball together. They don't ask Justin to join them. How does Justin feel? How does Ben feel?

Justin feels \_\_\_\_\_ because

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Ben feels \_\_\_\_\_ because

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**Pages 63-65:** Justin goes to Ben's house, and then back home.



Look for:

- details to help you infer how Jemmie feels
- why Justin's mom is scared

Read silently to the end of the chapter on page 65.

 Turn and talk with your partner.

With your partner, reread the paragraph towards the bottom of page 63 that starts with, "I skate by Jemmie's..." and ends with "... she hops aboard."

## Partner reading, continued

Make some inferences.

Jemmie feels

Give evidence.

I know Jemmie feels this way because she



Justin's mom collapses. Find the word "collapsed."

"Collapsed" is on page \_\_\_\_\_

Justin's mom is "collapsed on the sofa" because

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