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Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 118-127)

Pages 118-124: Justin and Jemmie have an update.



Look for:

- the word “reassures”
- details that will help you summarize



Read silently to the break on page 124 (this symbol: ○).



Turn and talk with your partner.

Clarifying: “reassures”



On page 120, find the word “reassures” near the top of the page.

Who is reassuring who?

_____ is reassuring _____ about her _____

What could “reassure” mean here?

When you reassure somebody, you



Look back at pages 121-123. Find a part where it sounds like Jemmie and Justin are having fun. What are they doing?

Justin and Jemmie are

Partner reading, continued

Making inferences about character

Is Jemmie starting to think of Justin more like a boyfriend?

yes

no



Find a line that supports your opinion, and copy it below.



Check with your partner. Do you have the same opinion about Jemmie and Justin?

We both think Jemmie is starting to think of Justin as a boyfriend.

We both think Jemmie and Justin are just friends.

We have different opinions about Jemmie and Justin.

Pages 124-127: Duane has news, and Justin's dad makes a guarantee.



Look for:

- Duane's important news
- Justin's dad's guarantee



Read silently to the end of the chapter on page 127.



Turn and talk with your partner.

Summarize Duane's important news.

WHO Duane _____

WILL DO WHAT _____

WHEN _____

TO WHERE _____

WHY _____

Partner reading, continued

Figurative language



Find on page 126, where Justin says, “I thought he just dropped calls on us like water balloons: he can hit us, we can’t hit him.”

What is Justin saying?

Justin is saying that not being able to get in touch with his dad makes
him feel

Clarifying: “guarantee”



Find where Justin’s dad says, “Everything’s going to work out. I guarantee it.”

Here, guarantee means

Partner reading, continued

Make a prediction

Justin's dad says, "Everything's going to work out." What do you think? What will happen with Justin's family?

Make a prediction about Justin's dad.

I predict Justin's dad will



Look back at pp. 124-127.

What facts can you find to back up your prediction?

1. _____

2. _____



Share your prediction with your partner. Listen to your partner's prediction, too.

I read my prediction to my partner

I heard my partner's prediction