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Partner reading

The Big Nothing (pp. 39-47)

Pages 39-42: Justin is sitting bored in English class.



Look for:

- something Justin realizes about Jemmie



Read silently to the break (this symbol: ○) on page 42. When

Justin stares at Jemmie's neck, he realizes something.

Select three words that tell about what Justin realizes.

surprise emotion pretty feelings love like necklace



Share answers with your partner.

- We picked the same words
- We picked different words

Pages 42-46: As you keep reading, Justin goes home from school.



Look for:

- what Justin does to feel better
- characterization of Justin's dad



Read silently to the break (this symbol: ○) on page 46.


On pages 42 and 43 we read about how Justin feels and what he does.



Turn and talk with your partner. Complete the sentence below.

When he wants to feel better, Justin

Partner reading, continued

 Read out loud (you or your partner) the paragraph in the middle of page 45 that starts with, “You got supper . . .” and ends with “. . . I was laughing about the elephant.”

 Discuss these questions with your partner.


What does this paragraph tell us about Justin’s dad?

This tells us that Justin’s dad is


What does this paragraph tell us about Justin?

This tells us that Justin is

Pages 46-47: Justin gets a phone call from his older brother Duane.

 Look for:

- scary news from Duane

 Read silently to the end of page 47.

 Turn and talk with your partner.

Summarize Duane’s telephone call.

WHO Duane

SAID WHAT _____

WHERE _____

WHEN during his Monday night telephone call