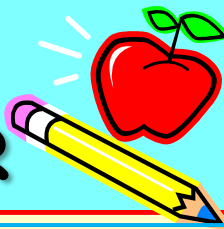


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"Moon Runner"

Vocabulary

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| 1. <u>crisp</u> | dry and cool |
| 2. <u>miniature</u> | very small; tiny |
| 3. <u>haze</u> | a mist in the air |
| 4. <u>gigantic</u> | huge; enormous |
| 5. <u>vanished</u> | disappeared |
| 6. <u>deliberately</u> | done on purpose |
| 7. <u>jealous</u> | want what someone else has |
| 8. <u>especially</u> | mainly; particularly |
| 9. <u>lure</u> | attraction |
| 10. <u>lapped</u> | moved gently against |

Story Skill: Understanding Characters

Characters in every story have different character traits and have different relationships with other characters. Look for details in the text that help you infer and understand the personality of the main character. Pay attention to how the character feels, what he does, and what his relationships are like with other characters.

Character traits – show what a character is like

Relationships – ways characters act and feel toward each other

Infer – to figure out something that is not directly stated.

Decoding Skill: Recognizing Prefixes

A prefix is added to the beginning of a base word to change its meaning. Recognizing prefixes can help to decode unknown words. Common prefixes are *dis-*, *re-*, *un-*, *mis-*, *non-*, *in-*, and *im-*.

Comprehension Questions

1. Why does the author include the first paragraph?
2. What can the reader tell about Mina from the way she loses the tryout?
3. Why does Ruth stare at her empty glass?
4. What does Ruth want Mina to know?
5. Describe the interaction between Mina and Ruth at the beginning.
6. Which event changed Mina and Ruth's relationship for the worse?
7. Why does Ruth want to race in the park?

Spelling

unused
 refresh
 dislike
 replace
 unpaid
 redo
 disorder
 unplanned
 distrust
 rewind
 untrue
 unload
 recall
 displease
 uneven
 rebuild
 restart
 uncover
 untidy
 discolor

Challenge Words

disband
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 discontinue
 refund
 unusual

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