“Moon Runner”

Vocabulary
1. crisp    dry and cool
2. miniature very small; tiny
3. haze     a mist in the air
4. gigantic  huge; enormous
5. vanished disappeared
6. deliberately done on purpose
7. jealous  want what someone else has
8. especially mainly; particularly
9. lure     attraction
10. lapped  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 test 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
rearrange
discontinue
refund
unusual
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