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Fiction

A Game for Harry



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Read to Find Out

Which sport team will Harry be on?

STRATEGIES & SKILLS AT A GLANCE

Comprehension

- Strategy: Generate Questions
- Skill: Make Inferences

Vocabulary

- coach, imaginary, practices, starting, tryouts, uniform

Support Words

- dribble, shoot hoops, star, training

High-Frequency Words

- after, come, early, ran, try

Vocabulary Strategy

- Dictionary: Multiple-Meaning Words

Phonics

- long /ô/o, oa, ow, oe

Word count: 413

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Training

Harry woke up early. He rolled over and groaned. Harry was training for the track team. He was running every morning. He wanted to be a strong runner like his mom.

training: practicing to get ready for a sports game



After school, Harry played basketball with his dad. Harry's dad was a great basketball player. Harry was training for the basketball team, too!



After: Find *after* again on pages 7 and 15.



The night before the tryouts, Harry looked at his uniform. Imaginary thoughts filled his head. He thought about being a track star. He thought about being a basketball superstar, too. Which team would he be on?

star: a really good athlete



Chapter 2

Trying Hard

The next morning, many excited kids were at the track field. Harry was quiet. He did some exercises. Then he got in line, took a deep breath, and waited for the signal to start running.



Ready, set, go! Harry started running. The early morning practices helped Harry in the race. He ran fast.



After the race, the coach talked to Harry.

"You're a good runner," she said. "But you're not fast enough for the team. Come try again next year."



Coach: *Coach* has the long o sound. Find three more words with the long o sound on page 2.

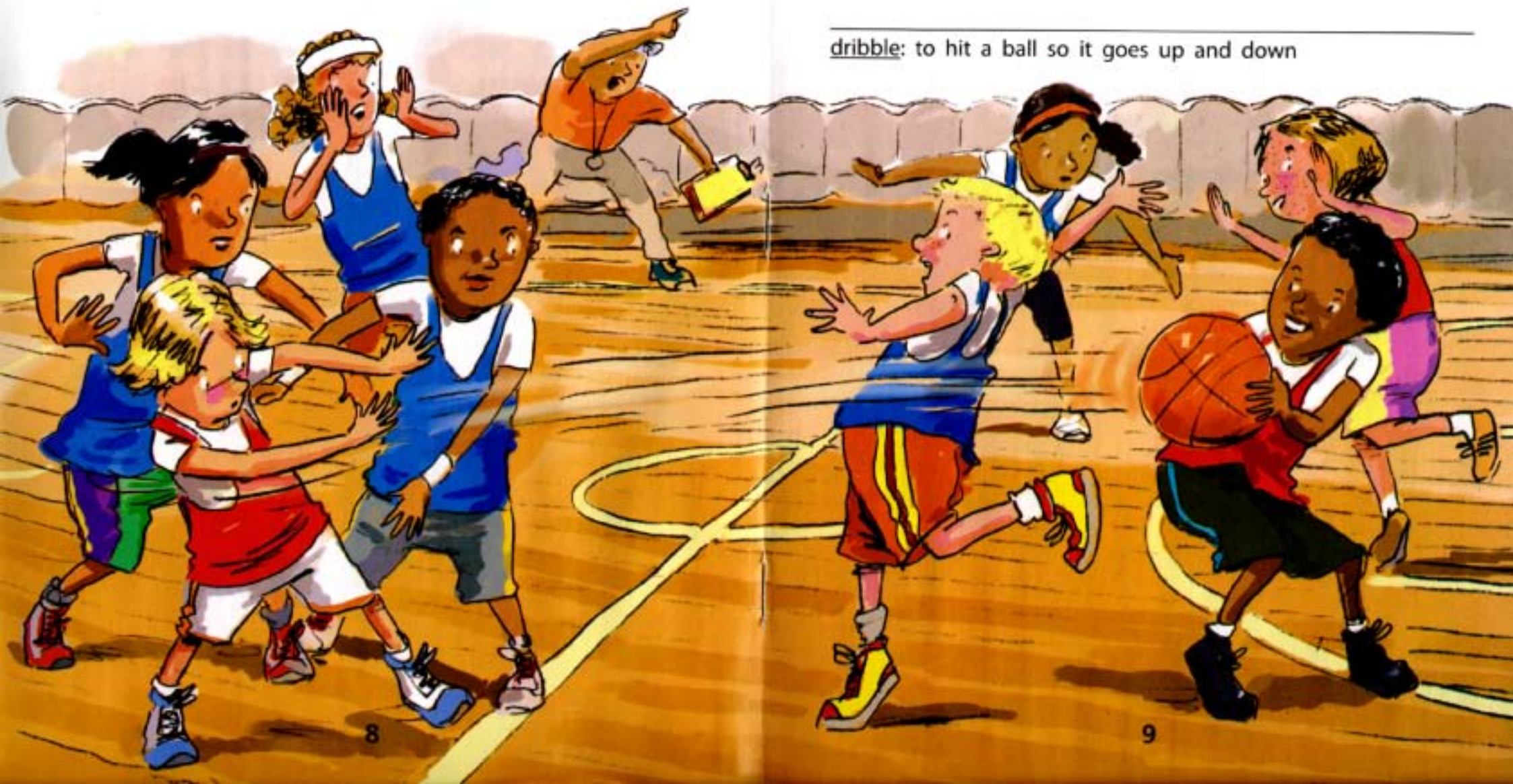


Harry felt sad. But he began to think about the basketball team. The tryouts were starting soon.

Many kids were at the basketball courts, too. Harry played basketball with them. Harry knew how to dribble and when to pass the ball.

“Great throw, Harry!” yelled the coach.

dribble: to hit a ball so it goes up and down



Now it was time to shoot hoops. Harry did well. But he couldn't stop the taller kids from putting the ball in the basket.

shoot hoops: to throw the basketball into the basket



The basketball coach talked to Harry.

"You play well," said the coach. "But we're looking for taller boys. I think you should come try again next year."



Success!

Harry went to his mom and dad.

"I'm not right for any sport," he said.

"I want to go home!"



"What about soccer?" said Harry's dad.
"The tryouts are over there."

"Yes!" said Harry's mom. "Go try!"

Harry went with his parents. But he wasn't happy about it.



Harry's mom: *Harry's mom* has an apostrophe s 's. It means that the mom belongs to Harry. Find another phrase with apostrophe s 's on this page.



The soccer coach made two teams. Harry ran up and down the soccer field. He moved the ball quickly, too. Harry was having fun.



After the tryouts, they rested. The coach talked to them.

"This is the team," he said. "Charlie, John, Jess, Harry..."

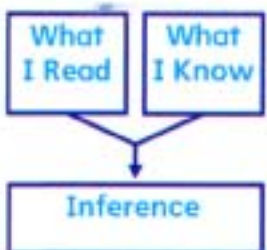
Harry was surprised! He was on a team! He had found a game that was right for him. And he would be the first soccer player in his family!



Comprehension Check

Retell the Story

Complete the Inference Chart with your class. Then use the pictures in this book to help you retell the story.



Think and Compare

1. Look at page 10. What made you think that Harry might not make the basketball team? (*Make Inferences*)
2. Which team would you like to play on? Why? (*Evaluate*)
3. Why do you think people like to play sports? (*Analyze*)

Literacy Activities

Get Ready!

Choose a sport you know. What skills are needed to play that sport well? Make a list of the skills. Share your list with a friend.



Compound Words

Compound words are two words put together to make a new word. *Tryout* is a compound word.

Find two more compound words in the book. Then think of two more compound words about sports.

Two Words	Compound Word
try + out	tryout
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