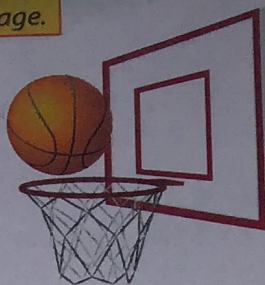


Note: Before you begin to read the text, answer Question 1 on the opposite page.

For Grandpa



Jamie headed for the refrigerator to grab something to eat before the big game. His basketball team had won the semifinal. He'd been practising every chance he got and knew he was ready for the final. This game would decide if his team would compete in the grand final.

Jamie ate quickly and said goodbye to his mum. He was about to walk out the door when the phone rang, surprising them both. Something in his mum's voice made Jamie turn around. He hesitated for a minute and then backtracked when he heard his mum crying.

In the kitchen, Mrs Whitman was sitting at the table, her head buried in her arms. "What's wrong, Mum?" asked Jamie as he sat down.

"Your grandpa had a heart attack, Jamie," she said. "He's in the hospital."

Jamie couldn't believe his ears. How could his grandpa be in the hospital? They had just been together two days ago. Grandpa was fine. He was the same as he always was. Jamie would have known if his grandfather was sick.

"I'll go with you to the hospital, Mum," said Jamie.

"No Jamie, you go and play tonight. Grandpa wouldn't want you to miss your game. I'll go to see Grandpa and meet you at home after your game," said his mother.

So Jamie went to the game and played his heart out. His team won, which meant they'd be in the grand final. As Jamie drove home with a friend, he said to himself, "That was for you, Grandpa."



Focus: Predicting - Making Predictions About Texts

Always look at the title and pictures before you read a text. Draw on your knowledge about the topic and experience of texts on similar topics to guess what the text will be about.

- 1 Before you read the text look at the heading and the picture. Write what you think the story could be about.

Literal Questions

- 2 What sport did Jamie play? _____
- 3 What made Jamie turn around? _____
- 4 Where was Mrs Whitman sitting? _____
- 5 Who had a heart attack? _____
- 6 Did Jamie's team make the grand final? _____

Focus: Predicting - Making Predictions About Text Endings

After you read a text, draw on your knowledge about the topic and other experiences of texts on the same topic to guess what would happen if the story continued.

- 7 Predict what will happen next. Will Grandpa go to Jamie's grand final?

Inference Questions

- 8 Circle the words that could describe how Jamie's mum felt when she heard the bad news.

excited	upset	sad	devastated
happy	cheerless	bored	glad

- 9 What is meant by "Jamie played his heart out"? Explain.