Family Times

Summary

What Jo Did

Imagine that you could jump as high as a basketball rim. That's exactly what Joanna Marie, or Jo, could do. Jo makes new friends when she shows off her talent during a basketball game in which she is the only girl.

Activity

Not-So-Hidden Talents With your family, discuss the special talents each of you has. What can you do that is unlike what everyone else can do? If you could have a superhuman talent, what would it be?



Comprehension Skill

Cause and Effect

A **cause** is why something happens. An **effect** is what happens. Sometimes a cause may lead to more than one effect. Some effects may have more than one cause.

Activity

A Cause-and-Effect Game Play this game with one or more family members. Each person in the group takes a turn and announces an event that is the cause of other events. Everyone else then takes one minute to think of an effect. The person who thinks of the best effect wins.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading *What Jo Did.* Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

fouled in sports, made an unfair play

hoop a ring or round band

jersey a shirt that is pulled on over the head

marveled was filled with wonder; was astonished

rim an edge, border, or margin on or around anything

speechless not able to speak
swatted hit sharply or violently
away

unbelievable incredible

Conventions

Common and Proper Nouns

Common nouns name any persons, places, or things. Common nouns begin with lower case letters unless they are at the beginnings of sentences. For example: goldfish, eggplant, shoelace, boy. **Proper nouns** name particular persons, places, or things. They begin with capital letters. Some have more than one word. For example: Kelly, Martin, Mrs. Yee, Alaska.

Activity

sheet of paper into two columns. Label the left column *Proper Nouns* and list the names of five important or famous people. Label the right column *Commonly Known As*. Work with a family member to write the common noun or nouns associated with each person. For instance, if you had *Ben Franklin* in your left column, you might put *inventor*, *politician*, or *writer* in the right column.

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