

Hardcourt Comeback

Classroom Connections

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1. For kids who like to draw.

You're the book's illustrator. Draw the scene in Chapter 2 where Brett is climbing up the wall. Be sure to include the other people in the scene and to show how big and bumpy the wall is.

2. For kids who like to act (For a group of four kids):

You're a troupe of actors. Create a scene with Brett talking to his family about how scared he felt on the climbing wall. Pretend that Brooke doesn't understand how serious he is and jokes too much. Pretend that his Mom talks about when she had to face something that made her nervous, and pretend that his dad asks everybody questions and keeps the conversation moving. Make it sound natural.

3. For kids who love sports.

You're a radio sports announcer. Give the play-by-play of the game scene in Chapter 6, pages 45-46. Be sure to use lively language so that your listeners can feel the excitement of the game. Write down what you are going to say and then share it with the class. Use your best announcer voice.

4. For kids who like to write.

You're the publisher. Write a blog (about three paragraphs) to persuade kids to read the book. Your blog must appeal to kids who love basketball *and* kids who don't. Use lots of details from the story.