

The Million Dollar Shot is a children's book written by Dan Gutman. It is a story about a young boy who gets a chance to make a basketball shot for a million dollars. It is a funny story with unique characters. This comprehension packet is level Q. It includes vocabulary, comprehension questions including critical thinking questions, predictions, and questions requiring descriptive language.

THE MILLION DOLLAR SHOT (Q)

Chapter 1 Eddie “Air” Ball

Vocabulary:

snickering (2)-

rattled (3)-

1. Why does Eddie miss his shot in class?

Chapter 2 Annie Oakley

Vocabulary:

sharpshooter (5)-

astonished (9)-

superstition (9)-

1. Write three things you know about Annie.

2. What technique does Annie use to help her shoot?

3. What is the relationship between Annie and Eddie?

Chapter 3 Don't Be a Fink

Vocabulary:

civilized (13)-

slogan (18)-

1. Who is George Finkle?

Chapter 4 The Contest

1. What was the Finkle Foods contest?

2. Why can't Eddie enter the contest?

Chapter 5 Good News and Bad News

Fill in the blanks with the following vocabulary words.

snickering	rattled	sharpshooter	astonished	superstition
slogan	criticized			

1. The boy _____ when he knew wasn't going to get caught.
2. Step on a crack and break your mother's back is just a silly _____.
3. Annie Oakley was a _____.
4. Don't be a Fink, Have a Finkle is an example of a _____.
5. I was _____ to find out I'd won the contest.
6. I felt if I didn't do the right thing I would be _____.
7. When a mouse jumped out from behind the door I was _____.

Chapter 6 The Messenger

1. Do you think it was fair that Eddie won the contest with a poem Annie wrote?

2. **Predict.** What do you think Eddie needs to do to prepare for the contest?

Chapter 7 The Secret

Vocabulary- Write down the root word and its meaning following by it's suffix and the meaning of that suffix.

impressive (42)- Root word:_____ Suffix:_____

concentration (47)- Root word:_____ Suffix:_____

comfortable (48,51)- Root word:_____ Suffix:_____

effortless (52)- Root word:_____ Suffix:_____

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1. List three techniques Eddie learned from Mr. Stokely.

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

Chapter 8 Something's Going On

New term: work ethic-

1. Who do you think the guy with the camcorder might be?

Chapter 9 Strange Visitor

Vocabulary:

entourage-

1. If you were Eddie would accept Mr. Finkle's offer? Why or why not?

Chapter 10 Show of Appreciation

Vocabulary

assertive (68)-

1. Do you think it is okay to bribe? Why or why not?

Chapter 11 The Mystery Friend

New term- choke artist

1. On p. 72 use context clues to find the meaning of the word commotion. Write the meaning below:
Commotion means _____.

Chapter 12 Fame, Fortune, and Finkle

1. What do you think will happen when Eddie takes the shot?

THE MILLION DOLLAR SHOT (Q) KEY

Chapter 1 Eddie “Air” Ball

Vocabulary:

snickering (2)- a stifled laugh ing-present tense

rattled (3)- to fluster ed-past tense

1. Why does Eddie miss his shot in class?

Eddie gets distracted.

Chapter 2 Annie Oakley

Vocabulary:

sharpshooter (5)- someone proficient at shooting “Annie Oakley”

astonished (9)- shocked or surprised ed-past tense

superstition (9)- an irrational belief that objects or actions can cause events to happen

Example: Step on a crack, break your mother’s back.

Write three things you know about Annie.

Answers vary. Eddie’s friend. Good at basketball.

What technique does Annie use to help her shoot?

Annie blocks out all distractions.

What is the relationship between Annie and Eddie?

They are just friends.

Chapter 3 Don’t Be a Fink

Vocabulary:

civilized (13)- live in a civil way

slogan (18)- a phrase in an advertisement Ex. Don’t Be a Fink, Have a Finkle

Who is George Finkle?

George Finkle is the owner of Finkle Foods, where Eddie’s Mom works.

Chapter 4 The Contest

What was the Finkle Foods contest?

The Finkle Foods contest was to write a poem about Finkles. Send in the poem with some Finkle Food boxtops and if chosen, you have a chance to shoot a basket for \$1million.

Why can’t Eddie enter the contest?

Eddie can't enter the contest because his mom is an employee of Finkle Foods.

Chapter 5 Good News and Bad News

Fill in the blanks with the following vocabulary words.

snickering	rattled	sharpshooter	astonished	superstition
slogan	criticized			

8. The boy **snickered** when he knew wasn't going to get caught.
9. Step on a crack and break your mother's back is just a silly **superstition**.
10. Annie Oakley was a **sharpshooter**.
11. Don't be a Fink, Have a Finkle is an example of a **slogan**.
12. I was **astonished** to find out I'd won the contest.
13. I felt if I didn't do the right thing I would be **criticized**.
14. When a mouse jumped out from behind the door I was **rattled**.

Chapter 6 The Messenger

Do you think it was fair that Eddie won the contest with a poem Annie wrote?
Answers vary

Predict. What do you think Eddie needs to do to prepare for the contest?

Answers vary.

Chapter 7 The Secret

Vocabulary- Write down the root word and its meaning following by it's suffix and the meaning of that suffix.

impressive (42)- Root word: impress Suffix:ive

ive means to perform an action. Performing the act of impressing.

concentration (47)- Root word:concentrate Suffix: tion
tion means the act of. Act of concentrating

comfortable (48,51)- Root word:comfort Suffix: able
able means capable of or you can. Able to comfort.

effortless (52)- Root word:effort Suffix: less
Less means without. Without Effort.

List three techniques Eddie learned from Mr. Stokely.

Keep your feet on the ground.

Inflation hole facing up.

Thumbs in grove, middle fingers toward the hole.

Bend knees.

Bounce slowly.

Use legs.

Elbows against sides.

Move hands toward target.

Chapter 8 Something's Going On

New term: work ethic- your values toward working

Who do you think the guy with the camcorder might be?

Answers vary. Possibly someone who works with Finkle, Reporter, etc.

Chapter 9 Strange Visitor

Vocabulary:

entourage- a group of people with or attending one person

If you were Eddie would accept Mr. Finkle's offer? Why or why not?

Answers vary.

Yes, so his Mom could have her job back.

No, he has a chance at \$1,000,000.

Chapter 10 Show of Appreciation

Vocabulary

assertive (68)- aggressive

Do you think it is okay to bribe? Why or why not?

Answers vary- personal opinion.

Chapter 11 The Mystery Friend

New term- choke artist

On p. 72 use context clues to find the meaning of the word commotion. Write the meaning below:

Commotion means a noise.

Chapter 12 Fame, Fortune, and Finkle

What do you think will happen when Eddie takes the shot?

Answer vary. He will make the shot. He won't make the shot.

Chapter 13 What If I Miss

Vocabulary: palindrome (78)- word spelled the same backwards (dad,mom,bob)

What do you think was the real reason Ty and Johnny wrote the letters to Eddie?

They are jealous.

Chapter 14 The Million Dollar Shot!

Vocabulary:

seclusion (85)- alone, by yourself

disorienting (87)- lose physical control

seething (87)- very angry or agitated

