



Comprehension

Upper Elementary

Directions:

1. Read the passage out loud. (This can be shared reading with the parent and student. The student does not need to read the entire passage by himself or herself.)
2. Complete the Somebody Wanted But So Then graphic organizer. This is a great strategy to pull out the main ideas of a passage.

Lauren was very nervous for her first day of school. She recently moved from a small town in Nebraska to New York City. Lauren's father got a new job that he couldn't pass up because it would be a lot more money for their family. Although Lauren was really excited for her father, she couldn't help but resent him for moving her away from all of her friends and her soccer team. In her small town Lauren was the star of her soccer team. She was the leading scorer and had received many awards throughout the years. Lauren's mother had already informed her that at her new school they did not have a soccer team.



On Lauren's first day of school she did not make an attempt to talk to anyone. She hung her head down as she wandered the halls aimlessly. Unfortunately, she kept this up for the next couple of weeks. The



only highlight of her day was American History class, because besides soccer, she loved learning about the nation's past. She sat next to a shy girl named Katie. One day their teacher, Mr. Fletcher, announced that they would need to complete a class project with a partner. Immediately, Lauren wanted to crawl into a ball and cry because she had no friends. Bravely, she leaned over to Katie and asked her to be her partner. Katie timidly agreed.

Throughout the weeks, Katie and Lauren grew close while working on their project. They realized they had a lot in common including their passion for learning and sports. Lauren learned that Katie was the star of their basketball team. Katie begged her to tryout because they did not have very many players. After a great deal of convincing, Lauren agreed to give basketball a shot. After all, she missed the competitiveness of playing a sport.

At tryouts Lauren gave it her all, but it was obvious she had never played basketball before. She assumed there was no way she was going to make the team and she was going to be back to square one. On Friday, when the team was announced, Lauren did not even bother to check. As she was walking away, Katie yelled to her that her name was on the list. It turns out the coach had loved her dedication and hustle during tryouts. Throughout the season, Lauren grew not only as a basketball player, but also as a person. She learned to become more open to her new school and build friendships with the girls. New York City might not be exactly like her old city, but she learned to love it!



Somebody Wanted But So Then

<p>Somebody Who is the main character?</p>	<p>Wanted What did the character want?</p>	<p>But What was the problem?</p>
<p>So How did they solve the problem?</p>	<p>Then What was the resolution to the story?</p>	