

Raymie Nightingale

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Chapters 1 to 3

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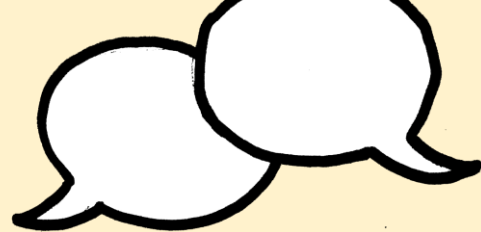
Vocabulary Check

- clutched her baton to her chest
- whose father was a cop
- felt a wave of despair
- She stood a chance of becoming Little Miss Central Florida Tire

Quick Start

1. What was the baton-twirling instructor's name?
2. Where did the lesson take place?
3. In what year is the story set?
4. What did Raymie's dad do?
5. What was Raymie's plan trying to achieve?

Partnered Talk



The thought of that - the fact of it - that she, Raymie Clarke, was without a father, made a small, sharp pain shoot through Raymie's heart every time she considered it. Sometimes the pain in her heart made her feel too terrified to go on. Sometimes it made her want to drop to her knees.

What emotions is the author trying to elicit from the reader?

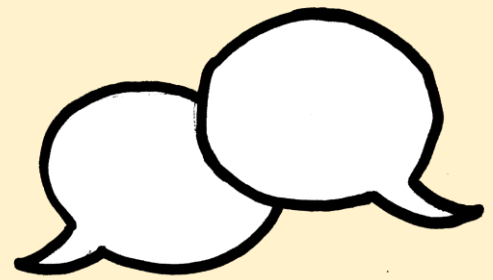
Individual Thinking



But she did not say the words out loud any more because Raymie's mother was very upset, and talking about dishes and spoons running away together was not appropriate.

Why do you think this is not appropriate?

Partnered Talk



“My name is Beverly Tapinski and my father is a cop, so I don’t think you should mess with me”

Why do you think Beverly made this announcement? Do you think it was provoked by an incident?

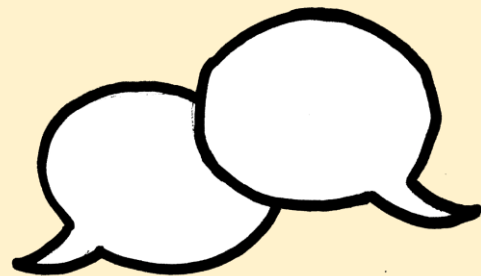
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Describe Beverly using one adjective.

Explain your choice.

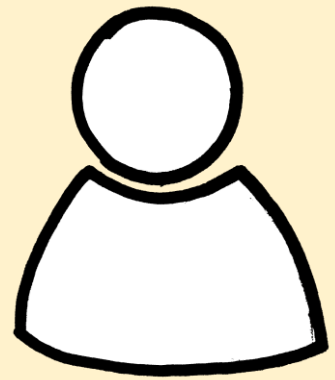
Partnered Talk



And if she became little Miss Central Florida Tire, her father would see her picture in the paper and come home. That was Raymie's plan.

Do you think this is a good plan?

Solo Work



Raymie desperately wants her father to return. In your opinion why does she think this is important? Remember this was the 1970s an age very different to ours.