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A Team for Trish

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Trish watched as all her classmates were divided into two teams for today's lesson on basketball. Mr. Truman had named Amber and Jesse the two team captains, and they were choosing their teammates by who were the best athletes. That meant Trish was left last.

"Trish, you're with me," Amber said, sounding disappointed.

Trish lowered her head and joined her team on the court. If only her classmates knew she was pretty good at basketball. Her older brother had taught her how to make a free throw, but Trish was sure no one in her class would give her a chance to show them.



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her. Trish caught the ball and stared at it, still in shock that Amber had passed it to her.

"Shoot!" Amber yelled.

Trish squared her feet and lined up her shot. She threw the ball and watched as it bounced off the backboard and fell through the net. Trish's teammates cheered.

"Great shot!" Amber said, walking over to Trish.

"Thanks," Trish said. "My brother taught me how to play. We shoot baskets almost every night."

"You should come out and play with our the team," Amber said. "My friends and I play in a league at the park every Saturday."

Trish thought about that. She thought playing basketball with the other girls would be fun. And, if she joined the basketball team, maybe she wouldn't be picked last in gym anymore.

"I think I will," Trish said with a smile.

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1. Where does this story take place?

2. How did Amber feel when she picked Trish to be on her team?
Also, explain why she felt this way.



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4. Describe another way Mr. Truman might have divided the class into teams so that the last people chosen would not have felt disappointed.

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1.

t	u	r
c	o	

Clue: a place where basketball is played

2.

e	a	g	r	g
v	e	s	i	s

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4.

u	e	e	l
a	g		

Clue: group of teams that compete against each other

5.

a	c	p	i
n	a	t	

Clue: leader

ANSWER KEY

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1. Where does this story take place?

in a school gym (also accept: basketball court)

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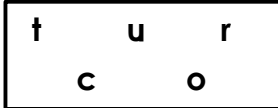


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