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Field Day Champion

by Kelly Hashway

Andy smiled as he and his field day team stepped up to their last activity. They were in first place, and Andy could already feel the medal around his neck.

"How exciting!" Mrs. Emory said. "You two teams are tied with the highest score of the day."

"Tied?" Andy said. "But we beat them at the relay race."

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balloon toss.

"This event is a hula hoop challenge," Mrs. Emory said, handing everyone a hula hoop.

"Are we supposed to see how far we can roll them?" Andy asked.

"No. Your challenge is to hula hoop for as long as possible. Once your hoop hits the ground, you will be disqualified. The last person hula hooping will win the event for their team."



Andy's eyes widened. He'd never hula hooped before. He looked at the rest of his team. Becky seemed confident and so did Cory. They only needed one person to do well in order to win.

"Can we start?" asked Rachelle, the other team's captain. She must have done this before because she was excited about the challenge.

Mrs. Emory blew her whistle. "Begin!"

Andy watched Rachelle and mimicked everything she did. But no matter how hard he tried, the hoop wouldn't stay up. It bobbed and fell to his ankles. He stepped aside and cheered for Becky and Cory who were the only ones left to battle Rachelle.

Becky sneezed and her hoop toppled to the ground. Andy crumbled, but he started cheering even though he knew he had lost. But Andy couldn't help cheering for Rachelle as she continued to hula hoop. He twirled around and realized that his hula hoop meant that he had lost. Andy's team had lost, but Andy couldn't help cheering for Rachelle as she continued to hula hoop.

Rachelle was still hula hooping when Mrs. Emory gave out the medals. Andy wore his second place medal with pride as he congratulated Rachelle, the true field day champion.



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- d. confused

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Choose the best definition for the underlined word.

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Vocabulary Activity

Fill in the missing letters to create a word from the story. Then, write the full word on the line. Be sure you spell each word correctly.

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clue: rubber sack that is filled with air or water

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2. ___ u ___ o ___

clue: la

2. _____

3. ___ ___

clue: br



4. ___ i ___ i ___ d

clue: copied

4. _____

5. ___ u ___ l ___ d

clue: complained or showed unhappiness

5. _____

6. ___ a ___ t ___

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7. ___ u ___ if ___ e ___

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5. grumbled

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clue: compete against

6. battle

7. d i s q u a l i f i e d

clue: removed from the game

7. disqualified