

Jabari Jumps

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Before Reading: Get Ready

Review the book synopsis with the student to confirm interest in reading the book. Share the title, author, and illustrator. Talk about the cover.

Activate comprehension and set a purpose for reading. In this book, we are going to read about a boy named Jabari who has a problem. He is afraid to jump off the diving board at the swimming pool! Are there some things you are afraid of doing? Let's read to see if and how he is able to solve this problem!

Introduce important vocabulary and ask your student to listen for these words during reading.

- **diving board:** A diving board is a board over water that people jump off of to enter the water. Let's look at the illustration of the diving board on the cover of our book.
- **edge:** In our book, Jabari walks out to the edge of the diving board. The edge of something is where it begins or ends.
- **surprise:** A surprise is something you didn't know or didn't think would happen. What is a time that you have been surprised?

During Reading: Read Together

Sit side-by-side to share the book. Follow the conversation prompts and invite your student to ask questions or comments connected to the text to ensure their comprehension.

- **After reading p. 4:** Do you think Jabari is not afraid to jump off of the diving board? Would you be scared? Let's read more and see!
 - Help your student understand that sometimes we may say we are not scared about something even though we are!
- **After reading p. 12:** What would you say is the problem in this story?
 - Prompt your student to understand that the problem is that Jabari is afraid to jump off of the diving board.

- **After reading p. 14:** Do you have an idea about how what Jabari’s dad said about surprises may help Jabari solve the problem of being afraid to jump off the diving board?
 - Talk about how thinking about jumping off the diving board as a surprise instead of something to be afraid of may help Jabari.
- **After reading p. 28:** Did Jabari solve his problem? How?
 - As needed, explain how thinking about jumping off the diving board as a surprise helped Jabari have the courage to jump off the board.

NOTE: This book does not have page numbers. These conversation prompts will be marked in the book for your use.

After Reading: Discuss and Extend

After reading, briefly discuss the text and revisit vocabulary words to ensure your student understands the text. Extend the conversation with writing to give your student multiple opportunities to show understanding.

- **Let’s talk about the problem and solution in this book.** What problem did Jabari have and how did he solve this problem, with the help of his dad? Feel free to look back in the book if your student wants to do so.
- **Let’s write to respond to this story.** (Choose a prompt for student response and copy the selected frame into your student’s notebook.)
 - The problem in Jabari Jumps was _____. The problem was solved when _____.
 - Jabari’s dad helped him by _____.
 - When I am afraid of doing something, I can _____.
 - I was brave when I _____.