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**SOCIAL  
SKILLS**

## Content Area Vocabulary:

Read the list. What do  
these words mean?

advice  
athletes  
attitude  
communicate  
congratulate  
honor  
listen  
responsibility  
teammate  
vision

## Building Background Knowledge

Before reading a book, it is important to tap into what your child or students already know about the topic. This will help them develop their vocabulary, increase their reading comprehension, and make connections across the curriculum.

1. *Look at the cover of the book.  
What will this book be about?*
2. *What do you already know about the topic?*
3. *Let's study the Table of Contents.  
What will you learn about in the book's chapters?*
4. *What would you like to learn about this topic?  
Do you think you might learn about it from this  
book? Why or why not?*
5. *Use a reading journal to write about your  
knowledge of this topic. Record what you already  
know about the topic and what you hope to  
learn about the topic.*
6. *Read the book.*
7. *In your reading journal, record what you learned  
about the topic and your response to the book.*
8. *Complete the activities at the end of the book.*

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# WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WIN?



What does it take to win a game? When you pass the ball, someone has to be there to receive it. You need teammates that you can rely on to get the job done. In order to win, you must have **teamwork**.



# DO WE THINK ALIKE?



What makes a team successful? A team shares a **vision**. They believe in the same ideas and **principles**. They work together, all the time.



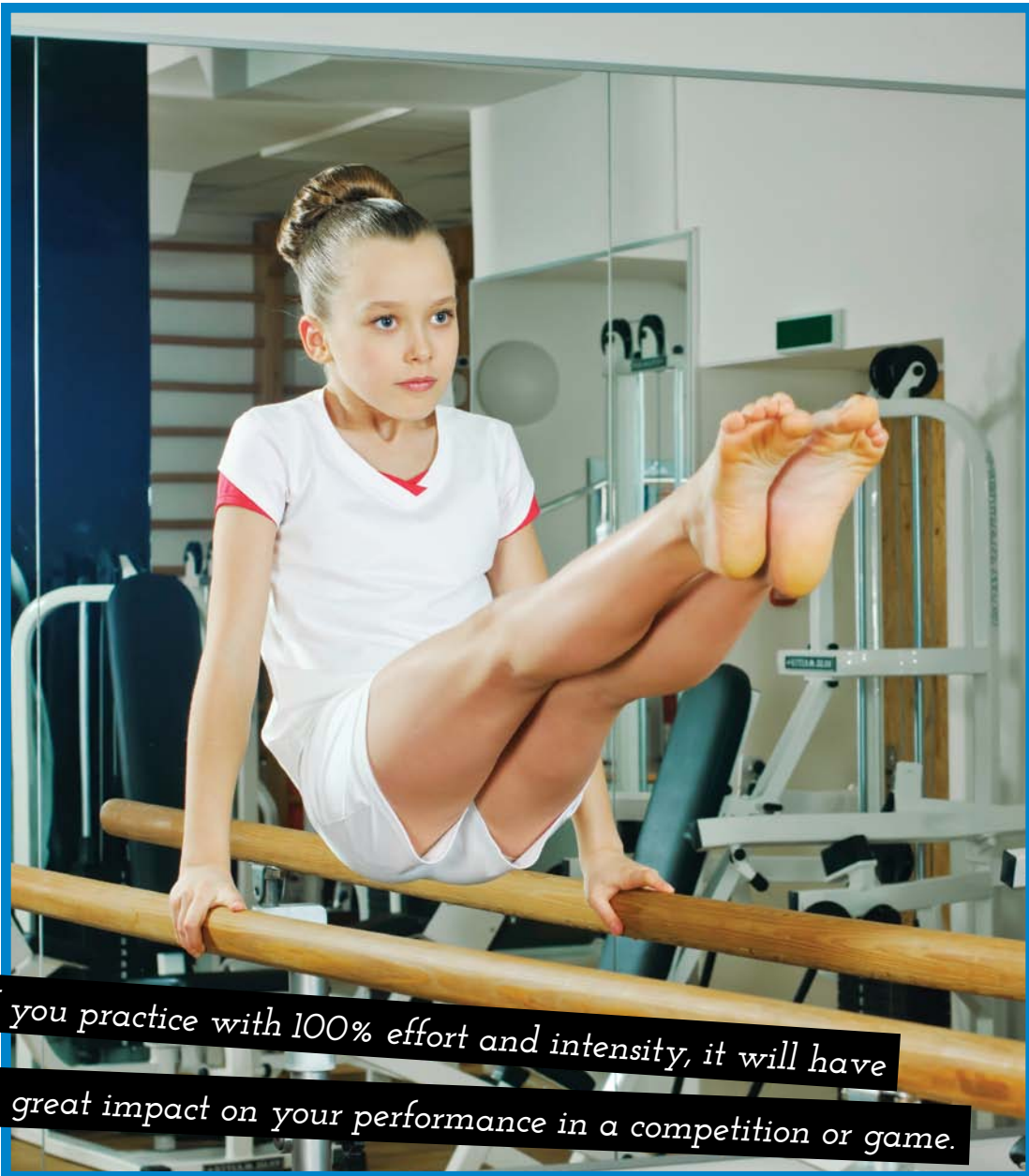


*The same advice applies to school groups or sports teams.*

*When all the members of a team set the same goals*

*and agree on how to meet those goals, everyone understands*

*what has to happen for the team to win.*



*If you practice with 100% effort and intensity, it will have a great impact on your performance in a competition or game.*

Team members share **responsibility**. Each member has to do his or her best to contribute. Every single member of the team impacts the game. If each player tries to do their best all the time, then your team will have a better chance of succeeding.

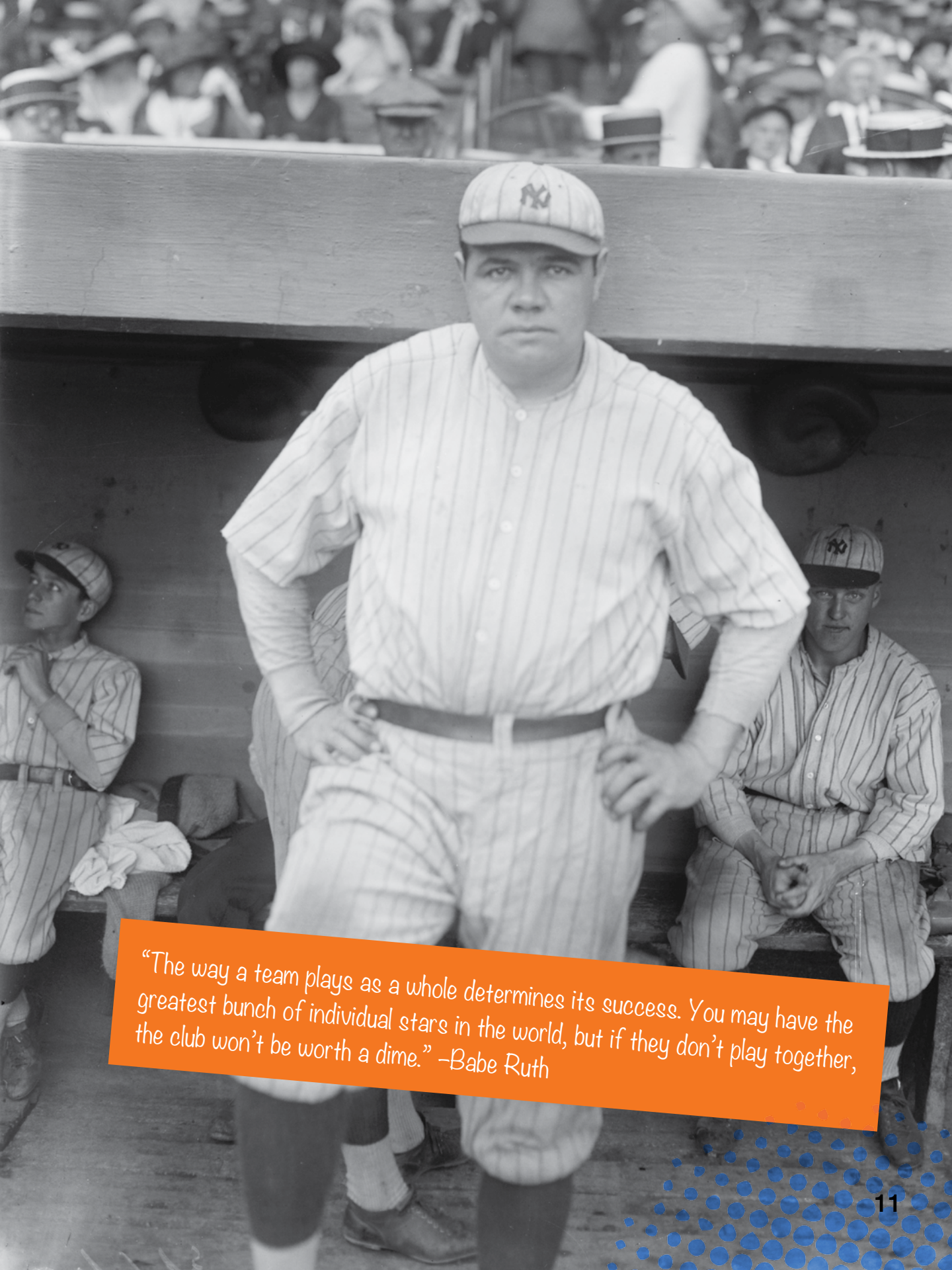
The U.S. Women's Gymnastics team won the team gold medal during the 2012 Olympics. Each woman on the team has her own unique strengths but they came together through teamwork to succeed!



# COMMUNICATION IS KEY



Great teams **communicate**. Talking about what is happening in the game and listening to ideas that can make the team better are important to the success of the team.



*“The way a team plays as a whole determines its success. You may have the greatest bunch of individual stars in the world, but if they don’t play together, the club won’t be worth a dime.” -Babe Ruth*

Members of a team cheer for each other and support each other. Always stay in control of your emotions and be positive. One negative **attitude** can affect the whole team and destroy your team's chances of doing well.



Team members help each other even when times are tough. The Louisville Cardinals men's basketball team supported Kevin Ware after he severely injured his leg during the playoffs. The team went on to win the 2013 NCAA men's basketball championship.

*Louisville Cardinals*

*You can show you believe in your teammates by cheering*

*for them and reminding them to do their best.*



# SPORTSMANSHIP



The score of the game doesn't always go in your favor. Strong teams encourage each other, even when times are tough. You have to stick together during the good and the bad times. You won't win every game, but at least you can have a winning attitude.



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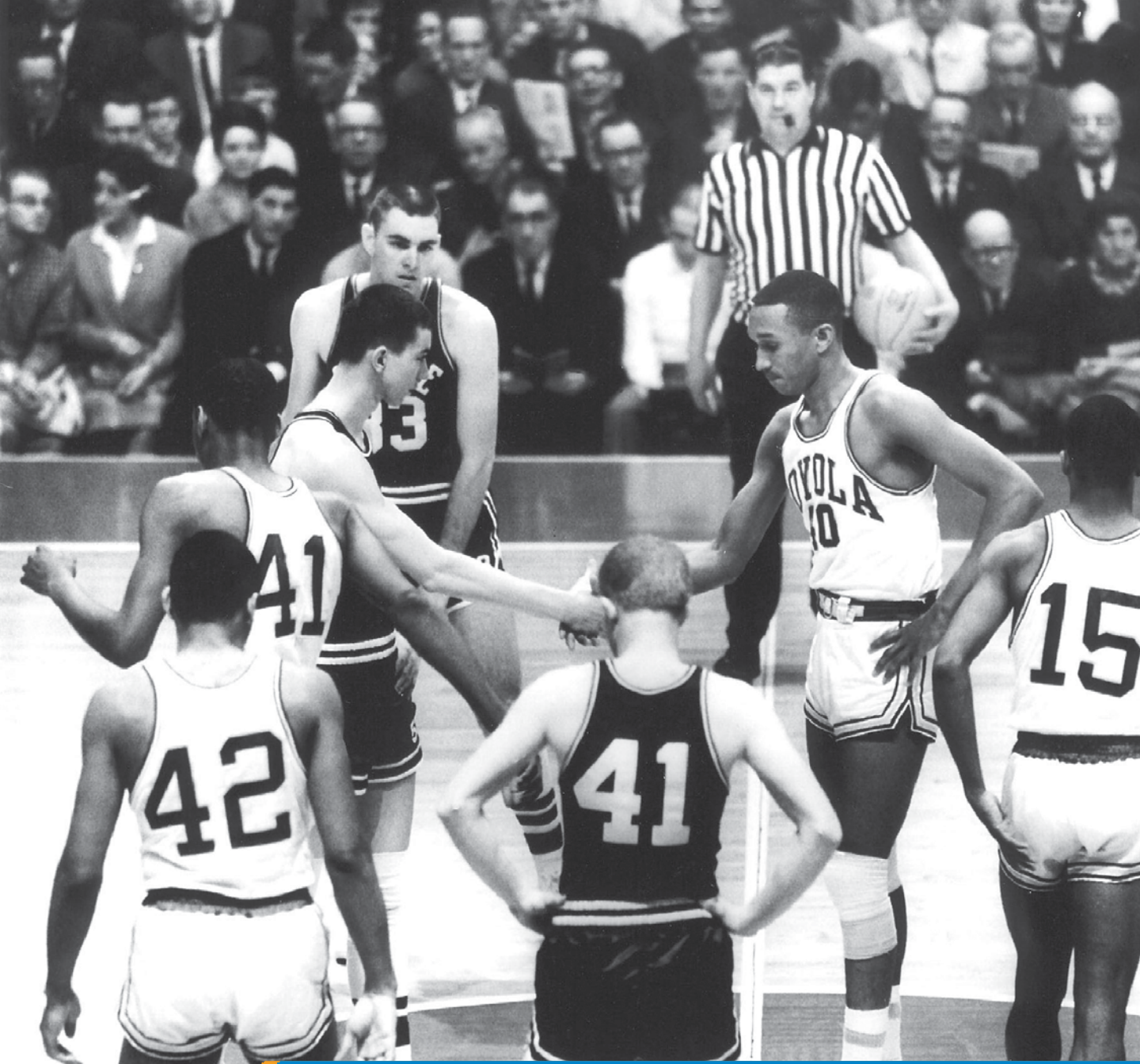


Don't let poor behavior from others affect your team. Always be a good sport, no matter what the scoreboard says. If your team loses, congratulate the winning team and shake their hands. Maybe your team will win the next game.





Encourage your teammates to be the best they can be. When you do your best, others will too.



In 1963, as America was torn apart by racial injustice two college basketball teams made a brave, public statement against racial segregation. Jerry Harkness extended his hand to Joe Dan Gold before the start of the NCAA tournament regional semifinal game between Mississippi State and Loyola. This handshake demonstrated the honor and respect the players had for each other.

The opportunity to play sports is a **privilege**. Every team has a responsibility to honor, **respect**, and protect the game, and one another. For many professional athletes they must display good personal conduct, both on and off the field. Not only is it in their contracts and affects their pay, but it is the right thing to do.







As the challenges get harder, the need for teamwork increases. Strong teamwork makes winners, no matter what the scoreboard says.



# GLOSSARY

**attitude** (AT-i-tood): your feelings about something that affects your behavior or mood

**communicate** (kuh-MYOO-ni-kate): to share information, ideas, or feelings with someone else

**principles** (PRIN-suh-puhlz): a basic truth, law, or belief

**privilege** (PRIV-uh-lij): a special right given to a person or group of people

**respect** (ri-SPEKT): a feeling of admiration or high regard for someone or something

**responsibility** (ri-SPAHN-suh-BIL-i-tee): a job or duty

**teamwork** (TEEM-wuhrk): working together with a group or team

**vision** (VIZH-uhn): an idea or plan

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## Comprehension and Extension Activities

After reading the book, work on the following questions with your child or students in order to check their level of reading comprehension and content mastery.

1. *What does it take to win?*
2. *Describe what it means to have good sportsmanship.*
3. *Have you ever been part of a team? What type of team was it?*
4. *What information do the bold headings throughout the book give you?*
5. *Explain how team members share responsibility.*

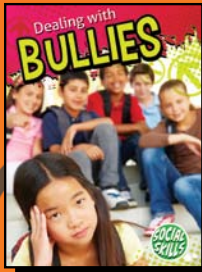
### Extension Activity

*Create the front page of a newspaper that displays teamwork and sportsmanship by one of your favorite sports teams. Include a description of what happened during the game and how they worked together as a team.*

# SOCIAL SKILLS

What does it take to win a game? When you pass the ball, someone has to be there to receive it. In order to win, you have to have teamwork. What makes a team successful? Strong teamwork makes winners, no matter what the scoreboard says. *This title will allow students to determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.*

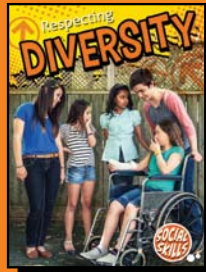
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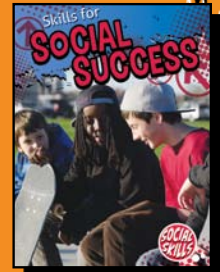
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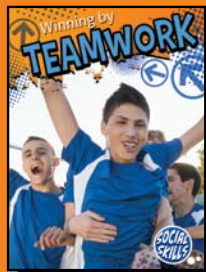
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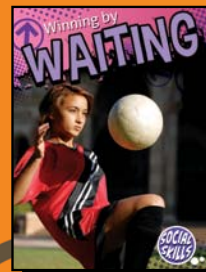
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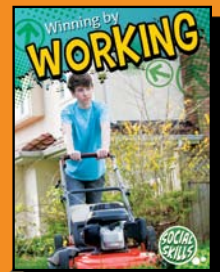
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Winning by Teamwork



Winning by Waiting



Winning by Working

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