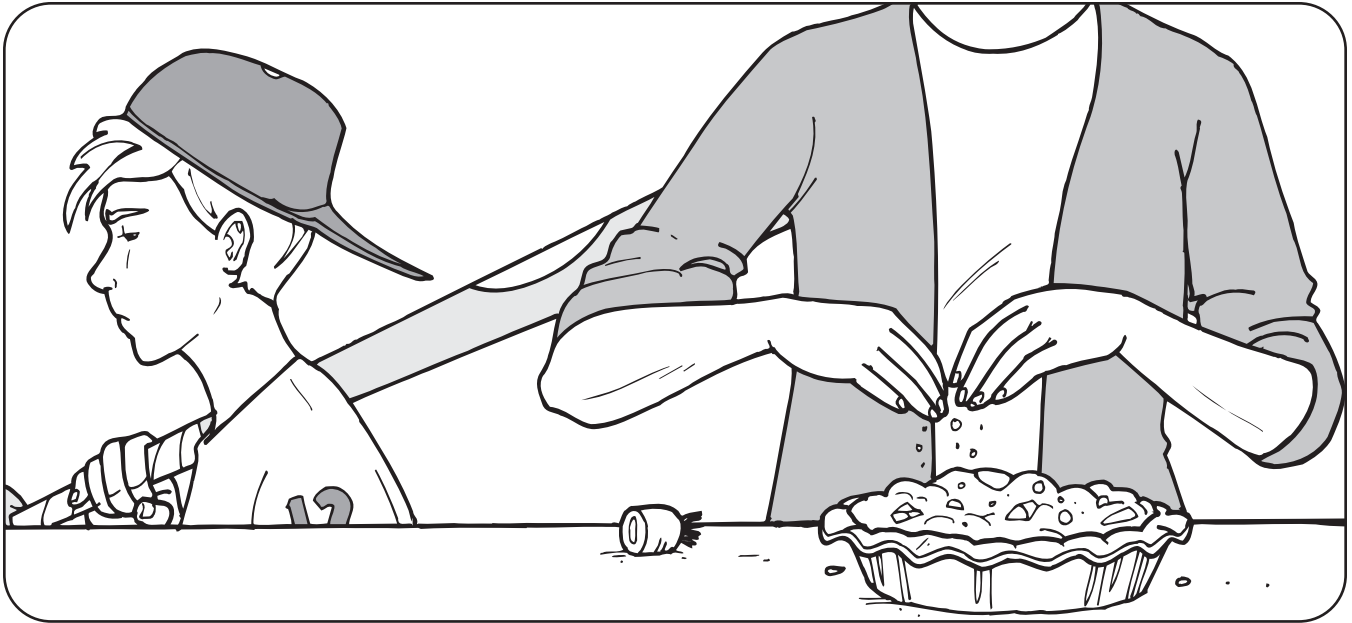


# Story 7



Mom was eager for Toby to get home. All afternoon, she had wondered how he was doing. She had wanted to watch his game, but she couldn't rearrange her work schedule. She was a nurse at the hospital and they were shorthanded. Lots of nurses were sick with the flu that was going around. This was not the first time she hadn't been able to watch Toby play. She hoped the team won the game. If they did, they would go on to the playoffs. Then she would have more chances to see number 12 in action.

Mom arrived home before Toby did. She changed out of her uniform and started fixing dinner. She was making chicken pot pie, Toby's favorite meal.

Toby came in through the back door. He walked past Mom without saying a word. He went straight to the living room and walked slowly over to the sofa. He slumped down and took his baseball cap off. He threw it on the floor. His face was a black cloud ready to burst.

Why was Toby in such a bad mood?

## Main Idea and Details

1. Which is the best title for this story?
  - a. Toby's Big Game
  - b. Toby's Favorite Meal
  - c. Toby's Team Wins
  
2. Why didn't Mom watch Toby's game?
  - a. She was sick with the flu.
  - b. She got there too late.
  - c. She had to work.
  
3. True or false? Toby took his hat off before he came into the house.
  
4. True or false? Mom had not watched all of Toby's games before this story.

## Vocabulary and Semantics

5. **The nurses at the hospital were shorthanded.** What does that mean?
  - a. The nurses had short hands.
  - b. There were not enough nurses to do the work.
  - c. The nurses were too short to work well.
  
6. **Toby's face was a black cloud, ready to burst.** What does that mean?
  - a. Toby looked very upset.
  - b. Toby's face was dirty.
  - c. Toby was holding his breath.

## Making Inferences and Drawing Conclusions

7. Why did Mom want Toby's team to go to the playoffs?
  - a. She knew the team would be happy.
  - b. She might be able to watch Toby play.
  - c. both *a* and *b*
  
8. Why did Mom fix Toby's favorite meal?
  - a. She thought he would lose the game.
  - b. She felt bad that she had to miss seeing him play.
  - c. She didn't want him to catch the flu.
  
9. What sport was Toby playing? Explain how you know.
  
10. Why didn't Toby say anything to Mom when he came home?
  - a. He was too disappointed to talk.
  - b. He didn't want her to know the team lost.
  - c. He was angry with Mom.

## Asking Questions

Ask me a question about the way Toby was acting.

### Writing Prompt .....

Imagine you are the coach for Toby's team. Write what you would have said to the team after they lost the game.