

Strategies for Using Trivia

This file contains an extensive list of trivia questions organized by chapter. Trivia is a powerful tool for connecting students with the book, turning even reluctant readers into active, engaged listeners. Answering a trivia question correctly builds pride and confidence in students, making them ready for more challenging trivia and deeper discussions.

Trivia questions can be used in many different locations and many different ways:

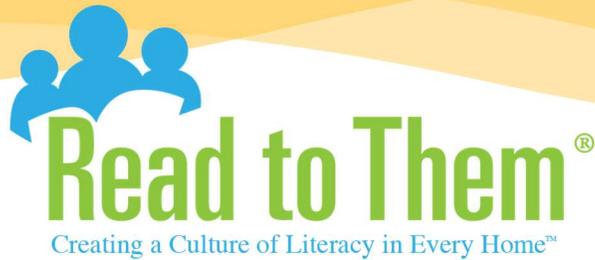
At Home – Pick out some trivia questions to send home so families can join the fun. Encourage families to start the day with a question about the reading from the night before. You may find that your students are quizzing their family members.

In the Community – Get local business owners involved by circulating some trivia questions along with the reading schedule. Everyone’s favorite ice cream shop might offer a discount on a cone or the local pizza restaurant might offer a free drink for a correct trivia answer. And, those businesses might become big school supporters after being involved in your reading program.

The School as a Whole – Use trivia to build a community throughout your school. Invite the staff of your school – from cafeteria workers to custodial staff – to quiz students throughout the day. Bus drivers could greet students with a trivia question as they get on the bus. Host a Family Quiz Bowl tournament as a culminating event, with a team of students facing off against a team of parents.

In the Classroom – There are lots of ways to use trivia in the classroom beyond the morning Question of the Day on your school’s daily announcements. Here are a few to get you started, but you are sure to think of lots more.

- **Currency** – Use trivia questions as a form of currency in your classroom. Five questions answered correctly get you and extra 5 minutes of free reading time and 10 answered correctly could get a homework pass. Each correct question could give you one vote toward what the next classroom read aloud is. If your class has a Class Economy program, use trivia questions to earn points in that program.
- **Referee** – We all know that, inevitably, some squabbling is likely to occur within a classroom. Use trivia questions to resolve disputes. Two kids fighting over the last playground ball? Have a Trivia Face-Off to decide who gets it!
- **Trivia Time Transitions** – Every school day involves transitions: lining up to go to lunch, waiting for the music teacher to be ready, filling time until dismissal. These times can be disruptive or they can be Trivia Time. Keep your trivia bank with you and fill up those dead times with trivia.



- **Trivia Jeopardy** – Divide your class into teams and turn trivia around by using it to play Team Jeopardy. Give the answer and have students come up with a question to go with it. You might need to modify the trivia answers a bit to make them specific enough for Jeopardy. Or, you can broaden what are acceptable questions to go with the answers.
- **Build a Character Puzzle** – Add some creativity to the morning Question of the Day by giving each class a posterboard cutout of a character or important item from the book. For example, for *Charlotte's Web*, it could be a pig. Have each teacher cut the shape into the number of pieces corresponding with the number of days in your reading event. Then, with each correct daily announcement trivia question, the class adds a puzzle piece to the shape so it will be complete by the end of the reading event. (With the whole class working together to answer the question, they are likely to get each one right.) Teachers could have small groups of students fill in each piece with colorful drawings so the final shape looks like a quilt.
- **Class Quiz Bowl** – After you have read for a week, hold a Class Quiz Bowl. Divide the class into teams and see which team can answer the most trivia questions from that week. Use the full bank for the book to that point so you have plenty of questions. If you want to be extra tricky, mix up the questions, rather than going in order through the book.
- **Trivia Land** – Challenge small groups of students to make a board game out of the trivia questions. They could make something like Candy Land but with trivia questions instead of colors. You could roll a dice to see how many spaces you move forward for a correct answer. Or, you could draw a numbered card, or even assign points to questions based on how tricky they are. See what they come up with! As you proceed through the book, they can add pictures to the game board that reflect the plot.
- **Hidden Trivia Hunt** – A great way to use up those plastic eggs that are so cheap after Easter. Tuck trivia questions inside and hide them around the classroom or school yard. After all the eggs have been found, open them and see if you can answer the questions.
- **Trivia Scavenger Hunt** – Kick up your hunt for trivia by making it a scavenger hunt. Start with one trivia question. When it is answered correctly, reveal the clue that will lead to the next question. Answer the next one and get the next clue. Maybe the last clue will lead to the cafeteria freezer for popsicles!

As your students, families, school, and community engage with the book, you will be wrapping literacy around your students, building better readers.

Every Family. Every School. Every Night.®



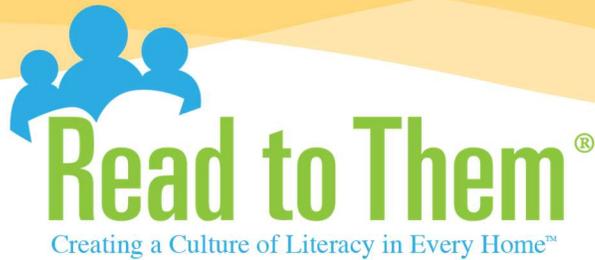
**Trivia Questions for
J.D. and the Great Barber Battle (2021)
by J. Dillard**

Chapter 1 – A Crooked Fade (pp. 7-14)

1. In the Jones family, none of the kids get their haircut until they turn what age?
 - **nine years old**
2. What's the name of the one barbershop in town?
 - **Hart and Son**
3. J.D. thinks he would like a haircut similar to the quarterback for what team?
 - **the Kansas City Chiefs**
4. What type of haircut does J.D. ask his mom to give him?
 - **a basic fade**
5. Why does J.D.'s mom hate the hospital?
 - **because everybody isn't treated the same**
6. J.D. thinks his hair looks ...*what*?
 - **terrible**

Chapter 2 – The Nervous Breakfast (pp. 15-19)

7. Even though J.D.'s granddad has to watch his diet now, what is something he can't pass up?
 - **bacon**
8. Who's the big talker in J.D.'s house?
 - **Vanessa (his sister)**
9. What are two of the phrases that J.D. can't say in front of his granddad?
 - **“Huh?” and “What?”**



10. What grade is Vanessa in?
 - **5th grade**
11. J.D. says that musical talent skipped over him, but he's good at ...*what*?
 - **art**
12. What do J.D.'s grandparents call him?
 - **James**

Chapter 3 – The Most Horrible First Day (pp. 20-26)

13. Who knocks J.D.'s hat on the ground?
 - **Jordan, his friend**
14. The teasing that J.D. gets on the first day of school makes him feel like he needs to draw something more complicated like ...*what*?
 - **Lego Batman**
15. Jessyka is faster than ...*whom*?
 - **EVERYBODY**
16. What two foods are being served on the first day of school?
 - **pizza and tater tots**
17. What's the first thing J.D. notices when he sits down between Jordan and Xavier at lunch?
 - **all the new Marvel character lunch boxes**
18. Who's going to be the best wide receiver the team has ever seen?
 - **Jessyka**

Chapter 4 – Jordan's Magical House (pp. 27-31)

19. Name three things that Jordan has at his house?
 - **multiple video game consoles, junk food, cable television, central air, no curfew, peace and quiet**
20. What is a Creaster?
 - **someone who only goes to church on Christmas and Easter**

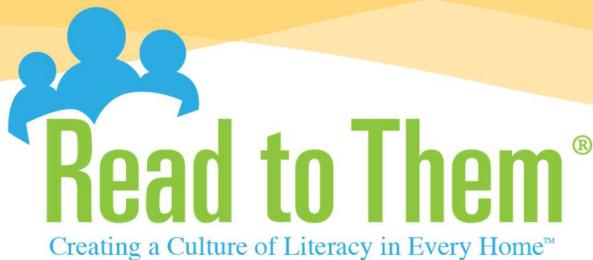
21. Who is on the cover of Madden NFL 20?
 - **Patrick Mahomes**
22. What three hairstyles do they cut at Hart and Son?
 - **Caesars, baldies, fades**
23. What kind of award did Henry Sr. receive?
 - **the trailblazer award**
24. Who are two men that J.D. mentions are bald?
 - **Michael Jordan, The Rock**

Chapter 5 – Another Bad Hairstyle (pp. 32-37)

25. What is the name of the white cream J.D.’s mom puts on her hair to make it “stick-straight?”
 - **a relaxer**
26. Where does J.D.’s mom keep her hair relaxer?
 - **next to the clippers under the bathroom sink**
27. The warning label on the relaxer says the product could cause ...*what*?
 - **blindness (if it gets in your eyes)**
28. What does J.D. put on his head before he goes down to the breakfast table?
 - **his Bulldogs cap**
29. How long does Vanessa say it’s going to take J.D.’s hair to grow out?
 - **a month**

Chapter 6 – Me vs. the Clippers (pp. 38-44)

30. Why does J.D. not want to watch his brother, Justin?
 - **He has a ton of homework.**
31. What does J.D.’s mom like to do to blow off steam?
 - **go bowling**
32. How many different-sized guards are in the clipper box?
 - **eight**



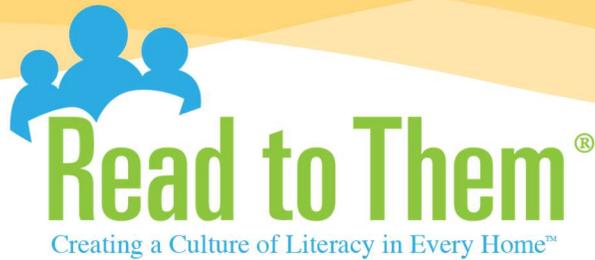
33. Making Justin happy filled J.D. with a warm feeling that felt like ...*what*?
 - **finishing a plate of fried fish and French fries**
34. What show is J.D.'s granddad watching on TV?
 - **Jeopardy!**

Chapter 7 – The Grand Reveal (pp. 45-46)

35. Why does J.D. wear a ball cap on the day after he cut his hair?
 - **He wants to surprise everyone.**
36. Who says, “I like your hair today” to J.D.?
 - **Jessyka**
37. What grade did J.D. get on his Reading test?
 - **an A**

Chapter 8 – My First Client (pp. 47-52)

38. What kinds of haircuts does J.D. try on his own hair?
 - **fades, Caesars, baldies, (and even parts)**
39. Who shows up at J.D.'s screen door?
 - **Jordan**
40. What are the two reasons Jordan says he doesn't like hanging out at J.D.'s house?
 - **There's nothing to do and it's too hot.**
41. What happened to Jordan's hair?
 - **His brother is out of town, and he tried to cut it himself.**
42. Why does Jordan not just go to Henry's to get his hair fixed?
 - **He won't leave there until nighttime, he wants to see the football game at 4:00.**
43. What are some of the things Jordan says J.D. is always good with in his hands?
 - **pencils, footballs, game controllers, clippers**



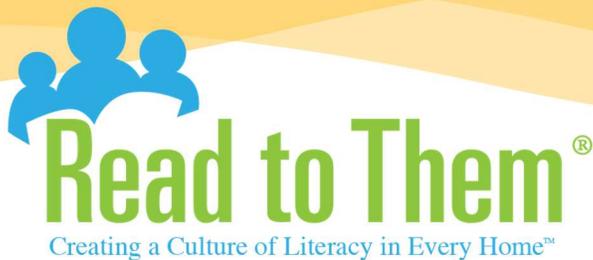
44. J.D. says that sometimes being a good friend is about talking and other times it's about ...*what*?
- **listening**
45. How much does Jordan pay J.D. for his “dope” haircut?
- **3 dollars**

Chapter 9 – The Start of a Business (pp. 53-59)

46. What two things does J.D. use to keep the hair off his client's necks and clothes?
- **toilet paper, an old bedsheet**
47. The only complaint J.D. gets about his growing empire is from his grandparents. What do they complain about?
- **He's using too much toilet paper.**
48. Which comic book series does J.D. not like?
- **Captain America**
49. What does Xavier say when Jessyka appears in the doorway of J.D.'s bedroom?
- **“NO GIRLS ALLOWED!”**
50. What does Jessyka want to do to her hair, but her mom won't let her?
- **cut bangs**
51. According to J.D., Jessyka could teach all the boys about ...*what*?
- **throwing shade**

Chapter 10 – Henry Hart Jr. Has a Problem (pp. 60-63)

52. What is everyone on the Mighty Mice football team going to do after they score a touchdown?
- **Take off their helmets and show off their haircuts.**
53. Who styles Jessyka's hair differently for the football game?
- **Vanessa**



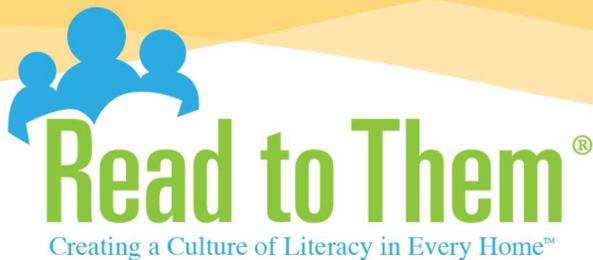
54. What does J.D. cut into Xavier's normal hi-top fade?
• **Mighty Mouse**
55. Who is sitting in the stands, arms crossed, wearing a knit cap and sunglasses?
• **Henry Jr.**
56. What family members come to watch J.D.'s game?
• **his grandparents, Justin, Vanessa, and his mom**

Chapter 11 – The Visit (pp. 64-66)

57. What does everyone in Meridian know?
• **everything about everyone else**
58. Henry Jr. always seems to be kinda out of breath, but the day he comes to J.D.'s house it almost seems as if ...*what?*
• **smoke is coming out of his ears!**
59. What is Henry Jr. going to do if J.D. doesn't "knock it off"?
• **call the authorities (and get him shut down)**
60. What does Henry Jr. say that J.D. needs in order to run his business?
• **a license**
61. What does J.D. call Henry Jr. by the end of the chapter?
• **a big hater**

Chapter 12 – Henry Jr. Makes Good on His Threat (pp. 67-71)

62. What hairstyle does Xavier want this week?
• **an edge up with a small 'fro**
63. Who caught the winning touchdown last week?
• **Jessyka**
64. "*Boom! Boom! Boom!*" Who is pounding on J.D.'s door?
• **the (County) Health Inspector (Robert Victor)**



65. The health inspector mistakes Justin for ...*whom*?
- **another one of J.D.'s clients**
66. When Xavier asks if he can wait for J.D. to finish his edge up, what does the health inspector say?
- **No, he can get it finished at the real barbershop in town.**

Chapter 13 – The Little Barber Strikes Back (pp. 72-76)

67. What three things do J.D. and his family eat for dinner at the beginning of Chapter 13?
- **steak, rice, and collard greens**
68. At dinner, Vanessa tells everyone that J.D. has a new ...*what*?
- **video game console**
69. What does J.D.'s mom say she's going to ask Uncle Hal to put in the box next time he sends clothes?
- **a pair of clippers**
70. J.D.'s candy jar is looking ...*what*?
- **almost empty**
71. What is one of the two things J.D. thinks about doing to keep Henry Jr. from destroying him?
- **sneaking into his barbershop and putting superglue in between his scissors; replacing all his cleaning solution with blue Gatorade**

Chapter 14 – The Plan (pp. 77-79)

72. According to J.D., where is the best place for thinking?
- **the tent in Jordan's backyard**
73. When J.D. complains to Jordan about Henry Jr., what's the first thing Jordan tells J.D. to do?
- **“Forget that dude.”**
74. J.D. knows that Jordan has good ideas in his head after years of doing ...*what*?
- **playing Madden together**

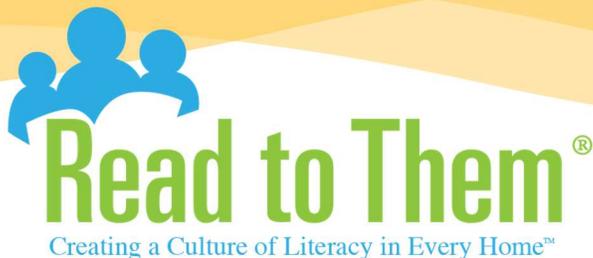
75. What is the first idea J.D. suggests to Jordan (to stop Henry Jr.)?
- **send him a letter and tell him it's from the health department (saying that *he's* the one who's about to be shut down)**
76. J.D.'s second idea is to sneak into Henry's shop and do ...*what*?
- **put dishwashing liquid in his shampoo and bubbles in his shaving cream can**
77. What is Jordan's response to both of J.D.'s ideas?
- **"Ain't gonna work."**
78. What idea does Jordan come up with that *does* sound like a plan?
- **challenge Henry Jr. to a barber competition**

Chapter 15 – The Challenge (pp. 80-82)

79. Who does J.D. write a note to in computer class?
- **Henry Jr.**
80. J.D. thinks a typed-up message is going to make him look ...*what*?
- **serious (like he really means business)**
81. According to J.D.'s note, who makes the rules for the competition?
- **J.D.**
82. After the peewee football game, who passes J.D. a piece of paper?
- **Eddie**
83. Who's the piece of paper from?
- **Henry Jr.**
84. Which box did Henry Jr. check?
- **"Yes"**

Chapter 16 – The Rules (pp. 83-87)

85. What's the first rule of the barber competition?
- **make sure nothing takes place during a football game of any kind**
86. According to J.D., what must be Jordan's favorite thing to say?
- **"That ain't gonna work."**



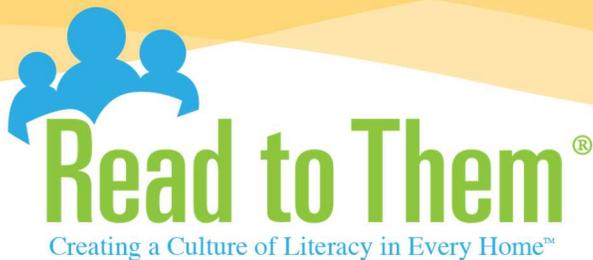
87. When does J.D. tell his family about the competition?
 - **the next time they all eat dinner together**
88. What's Vanessa's first reaction?
 - **She tries to stifle her laughter.**
89. What's the name of the woman who owns the beauty school in town?
 - **Mrs. Holiday**
90. How many minutes does J.D. want to allow for each style?
 - **thirty**
91. How many rounds does J.D. want there to be in the contest?
 - **three**

Chapter 17 – Spreading the Hype (pp. 88-91)

92. Who says, "J.D. is going to be one of your ace students one day!"
 - **J.D.'s grandma (to Mr. and Mrs. Holiday)**
93. Who does J.D. ask Mrs. Holiday to invite to the barber competition?
 - **the whole beauty school**
94. How much does it cost to get into the competition?
 - **Nothing – it's free.**
95. Who gets paid to type the announcements for the church?
 - **J.D.'s mom**
96. If he wins the barber competition, J.D. thinks he'll have ...*what*?
 - **every client in the whole city**

Chapter 18 – The Night Before (pp. 92-96)

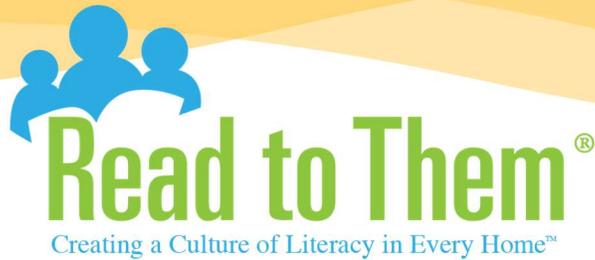
97. The night before the competition, how does J.D. sleep?
 - **like a baby**
98. On the drive to Hart and Son, what does J.D. realize he has forgotten?
 - **his backup clippers (from Uncle Hal)**



99. Where did J.D.'s original clippers come from?
 - **JCPenney (His granddad got them with his discount when he worked there.)**
100. Where do Henry Jr.'s supplies come from?
 - **special salespeople who come to his shop**
101. Back when J.D.'s mom ran track, what did she feel like doing before a big race?
 - **throwing up**
102. What was the "best idea" Mrs. Holiday had the night before the competition?
 - **She would pick the models for the haircuts (instead of J.D and Henry Jr. picking their own).**

Chapter 19 – The Barber Competition (pp. 97-104)

103. Even though J.D. is worried on the inside, what does he look like on the outside?
 - **(as clean as) a star at his movie premiere**
104. When was the only other time J.D. has performed in front of a crowd by himself?
 - **during the school Christmas play in second grade**
105. What happened during that performance?
 - **J.D. dropped the baby Jesus.**
106. Who says, "You got this, J.D."?
 - **Vanessa**
107. In her nylon tracksuit, Mrs. Holiday reminds J.D. of ...*whom*?
 - **gymnast Simone Biles**
108. Who are J.D.'s three models?
 - **Xavier, Eddie, and a kid from church named Steve**
109. Why is J.D. nervous about cutting Steve's hair?
 - **His parents are strict and he's not sure how he's going to cut all his hair.**
110. What's the first style that Mr. Holiday pulls out of the hat?
 - **a fade**



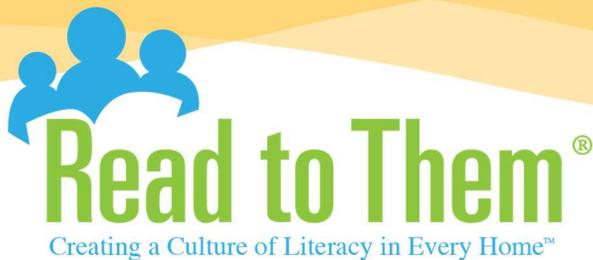
111. What's the second style?
 - **a pompadour**
112. What happens as soon as J.D. shaves off Steve's ponytail?
 - **His clippers stop working!**
113. J.D. focuses on Steve's haircut the way he ...*what*?
 - **gets sucked into his drawings**

Chapter 20 – The Winner? (pp. 105-107)

114. What does Mrs. Holiday say into the microphone?
 - **“Clippers down!**
115. What word does J.D. cut into the back of Steve's head?
 - **Winner**
116. What score does Henry Sr. give J.D.?
 - **5**
117. Who wins the entire competition?
 - **J.D. (James Jones)**
118. At the end of the chapter, who is on the verge of tears?
 - **Henry Jr.'s wife**

Chapter 21 – A Real Job (pp. 108-113)

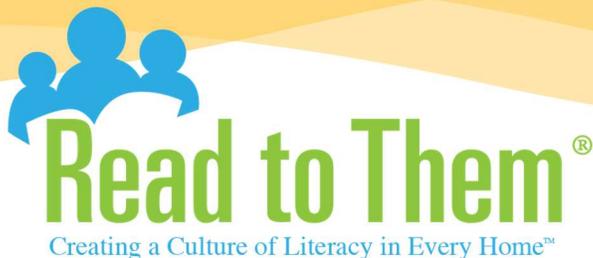
119. After winning the competition J.D. raises his prices. How much will he charge now for a haircut?
 - **five dollars**
120. How much money does J.D. make the first Saturday after the competition?
 - **one hundred dollars**
121. J.D.'s grandmother tells him that all the hair in the yard is going to attract ...*what*?
 - **birds**
122. J.D.'s grandmother also tells him that he can now pay her back for all the ...*what*?
 - **toilet paper**



123. How many clients does J.D. need to make \$200 a weekend?
 - **40**
124. What's the name of the new restaurant in town?
 - **The New Meridian Buffet**
125. Who does Justin invite to the restaurant?
 - **Miles Morales**
126. What does Xavier ask Jessyka?
 - **if he can practice running routes with her and her dad before school**
127. When Henry Jr. walks over to J.D., his macaroni and cheese suddenly feels like ...*what*?
 - **a wet, floppy fish**

Chapter 22 – Let's Make a Deal (pp. 114-118)

128. According to Henry Jr., where does J.D. get his smarts?
 - **from his mom**
129. What does Henry Jr. propose to J.D.?
 - **that J.D. come to work for Henry Jr. on Saturdays**
130. Before giving Henry Jr. his answer, what does J.D. decide to do?
 - **sleep on it**
131. What time does Henry Jr. close his shop?
 - **eight o'clock (at night)**
132. What does J.D. see in Henry Jr.'s shop that he hadn't thought of before?
 - **a tip jar**
133. How much is a kid's haircut at Hart and Son?
 - **\$7.50**
134. How much is the chair rental per week?
 - **\$25**



Chapter 23 – Off to Work? (pp. 119-121)

135. Who says, “That seems like a bit much”?
- **J.D.’s mom**
136. Vanessa wants to know how J.D. is going to get back and forth from Hart and Son. What does he tell her?
- **He has his bike.**
137. Who is J.D.’s last chance for support?
- **his granddad**
138. What are the two reasons J.D. gives his granddad for why he should be allowed to cut hair at Hart and Son?
- **He’s good at it and he won’t need an allowance.**
139. What three things does J.D. pack to take to Hart and Son the next day?
- **his video game console, his jar of candy, a set of photographs of current hairstyles**

Chapter 24 – My New Competitor (pp. 122-126)

140. What is the thing J.D. doesn’t like about working at Hart and Son?
- **It feels like work.**
141. How much money did J.D. make in tips his first day?
- **eleven dollars**
142. When J.D. gets home, why does he wonder if he’s being robbed?
- **The lights are on in his room.**
143. What does J.D. hear when he tiptoes up to the door?
- **giggling girls**
144. Who has taken over J.D.’s room?
- **Vanessa**
145. Jessyka’s mom has decided that J.D. can give her ...*what*?
- **bangs**
146. What does Vanessa suggest that she and J.D. do together?
- **work together and keep ALL their money in the family**