

**Sunny by Jason Reynolds**  
**Chapter: 1**

**Vocabulary**

*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. Disturbed (p.4)

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**Quote**

“My brain a moon bounce at a party” (Reynolds 4).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. Based on just the first entry (pp. 1-2), describe the narrator, Sunny.

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2. An **alliteration** is a series of words where there is a repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of each word in a phrase(Ex. **P**eter **P**iper **p**icked a **p**eck of **p**ickled **p**eppers.). Find an **alliteration** on page 2 of the book.

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3. What is the importance of the puzzles for the narrator?

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### Longer Response Questions

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. What is the importance of the diary for the narrator? Why do you think Sunny calls his place to write a “diary” and not a “journal”?

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2. **Onomatopoeia** is a sound word (Ex. Buzz, Moo, Pow, etc.). Sunny relies heavily on **onomatopoeia** to explain his emotions. Why do you think he does this?

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**Chapter: 2****Vocabulary**

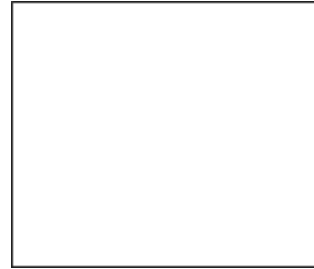
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. Scrolling (p.12)

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Other vocabulary words: Amniotic embolism (p. 11)

**Quote**

“But the thing is, the mile don’t have enough sound for me” (Reynolds 12).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. Describe the relationship that Sunny has with his father (Darryl)?

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2. What happened to Sunny’s mother?

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3. Why are Sunny and Darryl (his father) not talking?

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**Longer Response Questions**

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. Why do you think that Sunny stopped running at the track meet?

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**Background Knowledge:**

**Rosa Parks**

<https://www.biography.com/activist/rosa-parks>

**Chapter: 3****Vocabulary**

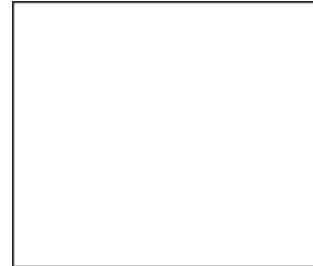
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. irony

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

**Quote**

"I just think maybe you deserve a day off to be as blank and closed as you want. I know I feel that way sometimes" (Reynolds 18).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. Sunny is constantly thinking about noises. What is ironic about this diary entry?

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**Longer Response Questions**

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. Why do you think Sunny says, "Diary-ing's not for Sundays" (Reynolds 18).

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**Chapter: 4****Vocabulary**

*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1.discus (p.47)

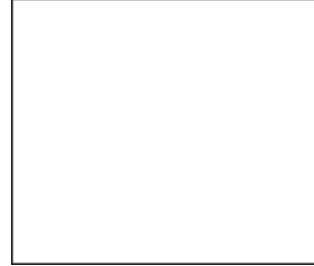
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2.disco (p.47)

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Other vocabulary words: Return on Investment (ROI)(p. 19)

**Quote**

“And me saying that was like taking a heavy cat, a lion, off my back-digging the claws out-and shoving it along with the other cat right back in Darryl’s mouth” (Reynolds 51).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1.Who is Fish? How did he get his name?

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2.How did Aurelia know Sunny's mother?

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**Longer Response Questions**

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1.Why does the quiet of Sunny's house bother him so much?

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2.Darryl and Sunny put puzzles together. What does the act of putting the puzzles together symbolize in the novel?

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## Background Knowledge:


William Shakespeare

<https://www.biography.com/writer/william-shakespeare>


### Romeo & Juliet

## Romeo and Juliet


Here's how the lovers go down:




**1 Duel**  
The Montagues and Capulets have a duel. At the end, Verona's Prince says, "the next to fight will die."




**2 Masquerade Ball**  
Romeo wants to crash the Capulet dance to get with Rosaline but meets someone else....




**3 Marriage**  
Romeo falls for Juliet and they arrange a secret wedding.




**4 Fight**  
Tybalt and Mercutio fight it out. Romeo gets in the middle and kills Tybalt.



**5 Sadness**  
Juliet is sad that Romeo has killed her cousin. To make her happy, dad says she should get with Paris.



**6 Sleeping Potion**  
To avoid marrying Paris, Juliet takes a sleeping potion so everyone will think she's dead.



**7 Death and more Death**  
Romeo finds Juliet and thinking she's dead, kills himself. Juliet then wakes to find Romeo's dead body and does the same.

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### West Side Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JBTzjbvagIQ>

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZXRv4MezEw>

**Chapter: 5****Vocabulary**

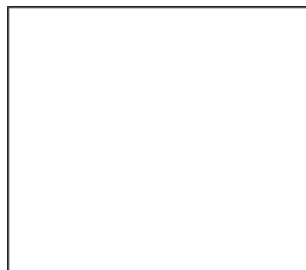
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1.stop-motion animation (p. 69)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

**Quote**

“Actually, Diary, you don’t know Coach, but if you did, you’d know that sometimes he be speaking in Shakespeare” (Reynolds 74).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1.Why do Aurelia & Sunny go to the hospital on Thursdays?

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2.What does Sunny’s grandfather, Gramps, do?

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**Longer Response Questions**

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. On p. 72, you will notice that Sunny crosses out the word “also” in his diary. Why do you think he crosses this word out?

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2. Why do you think Darryl is crying in this chapter?

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**Background Knowledge:**

*Soul Train*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXbP4JBf8To>

**Chapter: 6****Vocabulary**

*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1.allegro (p. 87)

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2.prancing (p. 87)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

**Quote**

"It is as if my father's throat had become a revved motor, as if his eyes had become headlights, as if he had become something that would run me over. And he never has, but...never again" (Reynold 80).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1.Describe *Baraka*.

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2. Describe Sunny's discus practices.

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### Longer Response Questions

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. What does Sunny mean when he says, "But when do I get to run MY race" (Reynolds 90)?

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2. Why did seeing *Baraka* have such an impact on Sunny?

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### Background Knowledge:

*Baraka*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZSfFHxyYJJA>

Barack Obama

<https://barackobama.com/about/>

**Chapter: 7****Vocabulary**

*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. Heimlich maneuver (p. 97)

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2. endurance (p. 107)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

**Quote**

“And I wish we weren’t like statues with no arms. I wish we weren’t like puzzles” (Reynolds 126).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. Describe the biscuit incident.

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2. What happened to Mr. Rufus?

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**Longer Response Questions**

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1.Does Sunny blame is mother for his problems? Why or why not? Explain your answer.

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2.Why does Sunny not feel like part of the team (The Defenders)?

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**Chapter: 8****Vocabulary**

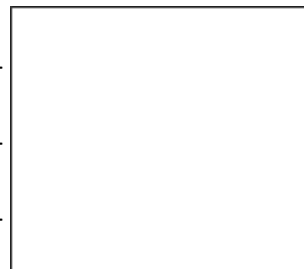
*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. Polaroid (p. 137)

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Other vocabulary words: N/A

**Quote**

“We were two S’s. SS, lying side by side. Ships finally docked in the night” (Reynolds 131).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. What “secret” does Darryl tell Sunny? What “secret” does Sunny tell Darryl?

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2. What is the importance of the Chinese restaurant?

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**Longer Response Questions**

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1. Why are Sunny and Darryl finally able to talk?

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2. Why did Darryl take all of Sunny's ribbons and place them in a pillow on his bed?

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**Chapter: 9****Vocabulary**

*Please write a definition in your own words & draw an illustration*

1. experimental (p. 148)

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2. hideous (p. 155)

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Other vocabulary words: sector lines (p. 157)

**Quote**

"I am not a murderer. I am not a hurricane. Nothing is wrong with me" (Reynolds 159).

*Describe the who, where, and when for the quote. Why is the quote significant?*

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**Short Response Questions**

*Please respond with one/two sentences*

1. How is Sunny's birthday this year different from previous years?

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2.What also happened on the same day of the track meet?

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**Longer Response Questions**

*Please respond with two/three sentences*

1.What does the green star represent for Sunny?

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2.How is Sunny's journey of becoming a discus thrower similar to his journey throughout the novel?

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