

Netball Dreamz

Pre Reading Vocabulary Scaffolding

Chapter 1 The Forbidden Book

slunk	to move quietly or secretly
siblings	brothers and sisters
interfere	obstruct the course of something
ridiculous	not sensible or acceptable
socially isolated	no friendship group
disgusting	revolting - sickening
recreation	activity for pleasure or relaxation
academic brilliance	high level of learning capability
klutz	insults someone's coordination skills
obvious	easy to see or understand
considered opinion	a belief that is formed after thinking
nondescript	not particularly noticeable
pendant	a strong liking or tendency
inclination	a tendency to do something
apparently	seems to be so
grudgingly	not wanting to
excelled	an outstanding result
dynamics	interaction between
more complex than algebra	means that it is really hard!
fluctuate	change
congregate	gather
stellar	reach great heights
mediocrity	medium
loathe	hate
apt	seems to be the case
crucial	vital, important
pathetic	inadequate, pitiful

Chapter 2 Nothing Good Comes easy

clutched	grabbed
essential	vital necessary
gradually	little by little
preferred	to like somebody/something more another
respectively	in that order
impressed	a favourable view
reassure	to make somebody feel less anxious or worried
memorized	to commit to memory
grudgingly	not wanting to...
various	different
ricocheted	bounced off
ridiculously	completely unreasonable and not at all sensible or
acceptable	considered to be satisfactory
desperate	overwhelmed with urgency

Chapter 3 Practice, Perfecting & Pests

extraordinary	very unusual and deserving attention
linger	hang around
dispersed	spread apart
nauseating	made to feel sick/vomit
awesome	amazing, great, outstanding
suspiciously	tending to believe that something is wrong
exaggerated	made to seem better/worse/larger/more important
urge	desire to do
mimicking	copying
uttering	to say something
squinted	narrow eyes to see
retaliated	take and action in return
frustrated	feeling discouraged, or unsatisfied
obvious	easy to see or understand
concentrate	give full attention
lecturing	spoken to an audience
scoffing	to express scorn about somebody or something
snarled	growl in a threatening manner
intercepted	to prevent reaching a destination
allies	those in support

Chapter 4 Coaches, Catches & Chaos

Executed	carry out
Lobs	kind of pass – high and curving
Excruciating	very painful
Audible	able to hear
parched	thirsty
flared	flame up
pivoting	turning
fretted	worried
umpteenth	a large but unspecified number of
prodigy	somebody who shows an exceptional talent at an early age
gawking	looking at with wide eyes
adequately	enough
revelation	to be revealed – previously hidden
deflected	change something's direction
graciously	full of tact, kindness, and politeness

Chapter 5 Never Say Never

relent	do something previously not allowed
inhaled	breathed in
provoked	the cause of a response
devastating	causing severe damage
marginally	very slightly
convincing	able to persuade

Chapter 6 A Hitch in the Plan

hitch	keep something from happening
snatch	grab
interrupt	disturb
version	an account given from a point of view
premonition	feeling of a future event

Chapter 7 A Mission and a Discovery

ferreting around	looking for
obscured	blocking view
obeyed	do as is bid
oblivious	unaware
hesitation	pause before proceeding
jostled	bounced, bumped about
intrigued	interested, curious
befuddled	confusion
eternity	for ever

Chapter 8 Help From an Unexpected Source

improvise	substitute from what is available
humungous	very large

Chapter 9 What Feels Right

stance	make a stand
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Chapter 10 A Step Closer, A Step Back

hallowed	holy
confines	within the limits/boundaries
astounded	amazed
ominous	premonition of danger
ignoring	not to take note
mulling	thinking
unconvincing	not convinced, not believable
retrieved	to get back

Chapter 11 Big News, Big Problem

ruckus	big noise
intently	with solid focus

Chapter 12 Countdown to the Tryouts

grinding	to crush something into smaller parts
rampage	uncontrolled violent or riotous
furious	angry
ridicule	make fun of
truce	declare peace

Chapter 13 Try Outs

disgruntled	not of happy mind
paranoid	distrust

Chapter 14 Good News Gone Bad

sniveled	sniffing, crying
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Chapter 15 One More Rule to Break

deserting	leaving
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Chapter 16 So Close Yet So Far

deliberately	done with thought
deceiving	not truthful
misguided	not guided by corrected thought/belief

Chapter 17 A Time For Glory

destiny	pre-determined pathway
disposal	get rid of
anarchy	a situation in which there is a total lack of control
saturating	to soak something with liquid
nauseating	made to feel sick/vomit