



### **Sophie Washington: Mismatch**

#### Discussion Questions

1. Sophie is nervous about joining the tennis team. Do the current team members make her feel welcome when she goes to tryouts? What happens during their first meeting?
2. What is Mackenzie doing when Sophie sees her at tryouts? Do Mackenzie's actions match Sophie's impression of her?
3. Who did Sophie want to be her tennis partner? Why was this not possible?
4. MVP means "most valuable player." Why is Sophie upset when Nathan and Toby call her this name?
5. At lunch, Nathan Jones says that there may be more to Mackenzie than Sophie knows. What information does he share about her?
6. Sophie's father advises her to practice with Mackenzie so that they can play well together. How does Sophie respond?
7. When Kennedy makes fun of Mackenzie in the locker room, Sophie joins in. Why do you think she goes along with the older girl?
8. What is your favorite sport? Which school sports team would you enjoy playing on?
9. Healthy snack recipes were demonstrated at the school assembly. Do you prepare your own snacks at home? What are some of your favorites?
10. After she learns Mackenzie's secret Sophie and her friends come up with a plan to make Mackenzie feel more welcome on the team. What is their surprise?
11. Being paired with Mackenzie taught Sophie that people aren't always as they seem. Have you ever changed your opinion about someone? Describe.