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What definition did Ravi give for the word assimilate?	To consume and incorporate nutrients into the body after digestion	51
What definition did Mrs. Beam give for the word assimilate?	To try to fit in	52
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Why did Joe like being in the resource room?	It was quiet and there were peanut M&Ms	55
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What ingredients did Ravi's Amma use to take away the kan drishti (curse of the evil eye)?	Red chiles and salt	70
What is kan drishti?	The curse of the evil eye	70
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How did Ravi's coaches dress, both in India and America?	White shirt, black tracksuit pants	77
Who did Coach Victorine choose to be team captains for a baseball game?	Dillon Samreen and Jaslene Arnado	77

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What baseball team did Joe root for?	The Boston Red Sox	80
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Why did Tim O'Toole get his photo in the Hamilton Herald newspaper?	He scored the winning hockey game goal, even after knocking his front tooth out.	128
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When did leeches infest the tea plantations?	During the monsoon season	130
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What did Dillon write on his reflection index card?	I rule	134
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What happened when Ravi told his class that leeches could crawl up your nostril?	Emily Mooney threw up	142
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Why did Dillon Samreen scream and run out of room 506?	He tried to steal Ravi's jar of leeches, but Joe had loosened the lid, so when he stuck it in his pants, they poured out with all the water.	147
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