



Problem Solving Practice ~ Better Than You

- Below you'll see three quotes from the story in blue.
- Read each quote and select at least one question to answer in that section.

"My neighbor Jake can be a real jerk - always letting me know that whatever I do, he can do better."

What are some of the specific examples in the story of how Jake shows he's better than Tyler?

Have you ever been around a kid who lets you know he's better than you at something or owns cooler things than you? If yes, how did it make you feel?

Is it okay to be proud of your own accomplishments? Why or why not?

How do you think Jake could have shared his accomplishments or capabilities in ways that aren't insulting to others?

"I feel like such a loser when I'm around him."

What are some of Tyler's strengths in this story? What were some of his weaknesses?

What are some of Jake's strengths in this story? What were some of his weaknesses?

What do you consider to be your strengths? What do you consider to be your weaknesses?

Is it possible to become stronger or better at something you're not as good at right now? If yes, how?

"Maybe it wasn't my fault after all. Maybe it had more to do with him than with me."

What made Tyler realize that Jake's bragging and boasting had more to do with Jake than with him?

Uncle Kevin compared Jake to a pufferfish. Do you agree with his description? Why or why not?

Why do you think Tyler had a feeling that he and Niko were going to be really good friends?

What kinds of qualities do you look for in a friend?