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Trixie Proves a Point

All Trixie Turner wants is to be a part of the boys' 9 year old baseball team. She does not like softball which the girls her age are allowed to play. She wants to play baseball like her big brother Teddy. Trixie has always wanted to be the 3rd baseman for the Thundering Tornados just like her older brother Teddy. He has moved on to the 12 year old league and is the best 3rd baseman in his league.



Trixie practices every day. She throws the ball on the roof and runs hard to catch the precarious balls as it comes off the house. She throws the ball into the back stop and runs to catch it. She throws the ball up into the air and practices popups, grounders, and line drives. Teddy is too busy to practice with her so she practices and practices by herself. She even mentally practices at school, especially during Mr. Hawkins boring Social Studies class. The big day is approaching fast, it is tryout day.

Trixie shows up to the tryouts with bat and glove in hand. She hears all of the heckles from the boys there to tryout but she ignores them all she is adamant that she will be the starting 3rd baseman for the Thundering Tornados by the end of the afternoon. Coach Mitchell looks at Trixie wearily as she approaches but he has no choice to let her tryout after all she's Teddy's little sister. No matter how many balls he throws and hits her way she catches or stops them. Her arm is great. Her throws to first are awesome. Trixie batting ability is like none other. Coach has no choice, Trixie makes the team. Trixie's dream comes true she is the starting 3rd base-person for the Thundering Tornados.

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Directions: Read the story and answer the questions.

1. Who is the main character of this story? _____

2. In what paragraph does the author describe how Trixie practices baseball? _____

3. In your own words write the conclusion of this story.

4. What was the conflict of this story? _____

5. Did the author tell you the solution to the conflict or were you left to infer the solution?

Solution was written

You inferred the solution

6. What was the turning point of this story? _____
