



Lily: Out of Bounds
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CHAPTER 1

Vocabulary Words: vital, concocting, meticulously, tandem, intercepted, hesitant, deftly, careened, disarray, begrudgingly, sauntered, incensed, vanquished

Discussion Questions:

1. The first sentence of the chapter says, "It's not always easy to know right from wrong, especially when you're a kid." Do you agree with this statement? If so, why do you think it is difficult for kids to know what is right and what is wrong? _____

2. What does the sentence, "For Lily, kicking a soccer ball was as vital as taking a breath." mean? _____

3. Lily and Vee were sisters. "Not the kind of sister your mom and dad bring home from the hospital, but the kind of sister you choose." Do you have a friend in your life who is more like a sister or brother, than just a friend? If so, why is he or she so important to you? _____

4. What does the author mean when she says, "No one said 'no' to Colby Wrangle"?

5. LJ vowed, that this year she wasn't going to let her temper get the best of her. Have you ever let your temper, or emotions, get the best of you? Explain. _____

6. Do you think Colby will be a good fit for the Bombers soccer team? Why, or why not? _____

Activities:

Write down the Soccer Sisters Team Code, and beside each rule describe what you think it means and why it is important to the girls.

Use the author's physical descriptions of Lily and Vee to illustrate a picture of what you think they look like.

The next time you go outside for recess, take a soccer ball with you and organize a game of soccer. Have fun!

CHAPTER 2

Vocabulary Words: vaulting, strewn, mimicked, coy

Discussion Questions:

1. How do you think Vee feels about Colby, and how can you tell? _____

2. Colby tries to persuade the other girls to sneak out and go get in the hot tub. Do you think this is a good idea? Why, or why not? _____

3. Have you ever had a friend try to get you to do something that was wrong? What was it and how did you handle it? _____

4. Colby says, "It's only a crime if you get caught." Do you agree with this statement? Explain why, or why not. _____

5. What do you predict will happen next? _____

Activities:

Visit the Olympic Development Program website (<http://www.usyouthsoccer.org/programs/OlympicDevelopmentProgram/#ABOUT>) and learn about how players are selected. Write down the four components that make up a soccer player. Choose the component that you think is the most important, and write an argument explaining why. Then, present your argument to your classmates, or family.

CHAPTER 3

Vocabulary List: contemplated, exploits, staccato, substantial

Discussion Questions:

1. Lily thought Vee was being a little hard on Colby. Do you agree, or disagree? Explain. _____

2. When Colby confesses that she didn't really step in a hole and hurt her ankle, Lily says, "But Colby, isn't that cheating?" Then, Colby explains why she thinks it's not cheating. Do you think what Colby did was cheating? Why, or why not? _____

3. Knowing that they have a very important game the next day, Colby, Olivia, and Lily still chose to sneak out and break the rules. If you were their coach, what punishment(s) would you give to them for disobeying the rules? _____

Activities:

Visit this website on Character Trait Descriptive Adjectives:

http://www.lesn.appstate.edu/fryeem/RE4030/character_trait_descriptive_adje.htm, and choose 7 adjectives that describe each of the following characters thus far.

Lily –

Colby –

Vee –

CHAPTER 4

Vocabulary List: pensive, eerie, canvassing, contorted, exertion, guffaw

Discussion Questions:

1. When the girls run from the security guard, the situation turns from bad to worse. Then Colby decides to steal the security golf cart, even after Lily pleads with her not to. Have you ever been caught up in a bad situation like Lily is? If so, how did it make you feel? _____

2. Colby doesn't seem to be scared at all, and seems to be having a good time breaking the rules and getting into trouble. Why do you think she is behaving this way? _____

3. Colby assures Lily and Olivia that they won't get caught, but Lily isn't convinced. What do you think will happen? _____

4. Lily and Olivia think that what Colby did was "pretty crazy, but kinda cool." How would you describe Colby's actions? _____

Activities:

Colby thinks what she did was pretty awesome, but her actions were actually very reckless. Contact your local police department or the officer assigned to your school. Tell them that you are reading a novel and researching what the consequences are for one of the character's actions. Explain what Colby did and the crimes that she committed (she broke curfew, trespassed, stole someone else's property, and damaged public property), and ask them what the real life consequences would be.

CHAPTER 5

Vocabulary List: conspiratorial, stifle, indicate, miscalculated, expectant, deliberately

Discussion Questions:

1. When Lily shows up to the game, she thinks that Colby was right and that they won't get caught. Do you think that they are in the clear, or do you think that the authorities will find out that it was them? _____

2. So far, it seems like Vee doesn't know what happened. How do you think Vee will react when she finds out about what Lily and the other girls did? _____

3. Why do you think Lily had such a difficult time focusing when it was time to take the penalty kick? _____

4. After the penalty kick, Lily went to join her team and guilt washed over her. What was she feeling guilty for? _____

Activities:

Lily has gotten herself into some trouble. In a group, create a flowchart (<http://sites.berwickfieldsps.vic.edu.au/procedures/flow-chart/>) listing the decisions and events that have led Lily to where she is now. Then, on the back, rewrite the series of events by changing the decisions that she made. See how just a few decisions can change the course of a story and a life. Present your changes to your class, or family.

CHAPTER 6 and CHAPTER 7

Vocabulary List: petulant, dutifully, remnants, resignation

Discussion Questions:

1. Lily's dad wasn't sure about Colby when he first met her. How did she win him over?

2. Since Colby arrived at Lily's house, has she been a good houseguest, or friend to Lily? Why, or why not? _____

3. How do you think Lily feels when she lies to her mom? _____

What would you have done if you were in that situation? _____

4. Colby seems to tell lies very easily. What does this say about her character? _____

Activities:

Lily's grandfather isn't feeling well and has to go back to the pulmonologist. Research what a pulmonologist is, and what his illness might be.

Use the description in chapter 7 to illustrate a picture of what you think Brookville looks like.

Math Connection: Make a tally chart, or list, of all of the lies that Colby tells. How many lies has she told thus far?

CHAPTER 8

Vocabulary List: makeshift, tingeing, preoccupied, agitated, gnarled

Discussion Questions:

1. Pop Pop speaks English mixed with some Italian. What does the phrase “Ma, sei pazza” mean? Hint: use the context clues. _____

2. How did Pop Pop get so sick? _____

3. When Lily and her mom are getting Pop Pop’s room ready, what has Lily feeling “like a worm”? _____

4. At the end of the chapter, Lily’s grandfather says, “I knew inside smoking was bad. I knew it. But I was young. Stupid. I thought I got away with it.” Have you ever felt this way about something that you have done in your life? If so, what was it? _____

Activities:

Pretend that you are Lily, and write a confession letter to her mom explaining what really happened when Colby was visiting.

Science Connection: On the Internet, find and print a picture of set of lungs that has emphysema, and a picture of a set of lungs that doesn’t have emphysema. Compare the differences. After seeing the pictures, make an argument for, or against, smoking cigarettes.

CHAPTER 9 and CHAPTER 10

Vocabulary List: decreed, instinctively, taunting, pent-up, anvil, oblivious, solemnly

Discussion Questions:

1. Lily has a knot in her stomach because she knows that she has broken the Soccer Sisters Team Code. Which rule number did she break? _____

2. When Lily finally tells Vee the truth about what happened, and Lily asks Vee what she should do in Canada when Colby is there, Vee gives her some very good advice. What advice does Vee give her? _____

3. Lily’s all-time favorite soccer player is Brandi Chastain. Who is your favorite athlete, and what sport does he or she play? _____

4. Why didn’t Lily notice that the game was over? _____

Activities:

Follow the instructions on how to make a finger football, and enjoy a game with a friend.

Make a Venn diagram and compare and contrast Lily and Colby.

Science Connection: Toni James teaches the girls about scorpions and that “there are almost 2,000 scorpion species and 30 or 40 have strong enough poison to kill a person.” Research and identify one of the scorpions that is poisonous enough to kill a person, and do a presentation on your findings. Identify the scorpion’s scientific name, what it looks like, what region of the world it lives in, what it eats, and 3 other interesting facts.

Social Studies and Math Connection: The Bombers, and the other teams traveled from all over to play in the tournament in Canada. On a map, locate Montreal, Quebec, Niagara Falls, New Hampshire, and Michigan. Then, calculate how far each team had to travel.

CHAPTER 11 - CHAPTER 14

Vocabulary List: frantically, perched, smug, recede, forfeit

Discussion Questions:

1. Why did Lily wait so long with Vee while she was getting her knee checked out? _____

2. When Lily and Vee finally get back to their room, Colby doesn't act so nicely. What do you think about Colby's behavior toward them, and why do you think she acts that way? _____

3. When the fire alarm sounded, automated recordings in English and French kept repeating, "The fire alarm has been activated. Do not use the elevators. Use the stairs and gather in the lobby. This is not a test." Why is this announcement made in both English and French? _____

4. Lily's mom calls Vee "a good egg." What does she mean by that? _____

5. At the end of chapter 13, what does Colby mean when she says, "Told ya"? _____

Activities:

Pretend that you are the author writing this book, and write what you think happens in the final chapter.

CHAPTER 15

Vocabulary List: gloat, jostled, forlornly, stern, sportsmanship

Discussion Questions:

1. When Lily finally confessed to her parents, what was the punishment that was “ten times worse than anything her father could come up with”? _____

2. What are the three reasons Pop Pop wanted Lily and the rest of the family to stay, and not leave the second they found out what Lily had done?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

3. During the championship game, Lily showed good sportsmanship. What are two examples of her good sportsmanship?

1. _____

2. _____

4. What happened to Colby? _____

5. What is the overall lesson, or theme, in this story? _____

6. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why, or why not? _____

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