

## **Stephen Curry Reading Comprehension**

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Stephen Curry is a basketball player for the Golden State Warriors and was the first person to be named Most Valuable Player by unanimous vote in NBA history. He was born on March 14, 1988, and grew up in Charlotte, North Carolina. Curry is the son of former NBA player Dell Curry, and he learned the basics of basketball from playing with his father. While his father was on road trips playing with his team, Curry's mother Sonya, a former Division I volleyball athlete, encouraged him to keep playing and honing his skills in the game.

Curry went to Davidson College and impressed with his talents in shooting and ball-handling. In 2009, he was drafted to play for the Golden State Warriors. After 2010, he averaged more than 22 points per game, and finished second in balloting for Rookie of the Year. Curry clinched a spot on the USA Men's Basketball Senior National Team, and won a gold medal at the 2010 World Championships. In 2012, he continued his upward trajectory by setting an NBA record of 272 three-pointers.

In 2014, Curry and his fellow teammate Klay Thompson led the warriors to an early 16-game win streak. They were hailed as the Splash Brothers due to their incredible shooting accuracy; their shots always "splashed" into the net. Curry led the Warriors to an NBA championship in 2015—the team's first championship since 1975. In May 2016, he became the first person to be named MVP by a unanimous vote. During his speech at the MVP ceremony, Curry said, "I know it inspires a lot of the next generation, a lot of people who love the game of basketball to value the skill of it, value the fact that you can work every single day to get better. You've got to be able to put in the time and the work. That's how I got here, that's how I continue to get better every single day."

Curry helped the Warriors win the NBA title in 2017 and 2018, both times over the Cleveland Cavaliers. Today, he continues to play for the Warriors and is one of the most popular players in the NBA. His jersey is one of the top-selling jerseys in the NBA and his signature Under Armour shoes are also popular. He remains the NBA's top free-throw shooter in terms of percentage, and ended the 2018-2019 basketball season with an average of 23.5 points per game.

1. What was the role of Curry's parents in jumpstarting his career?
  - a. His father taught him the fundamentals of the sport
  - b. His mother told him to keep practicing
  - c. Two of the above
  - d. None of the above

2. Curry set a record in 2012 of 272 three-pointers. How many points is that, in total?
  - a. 242
  - b. 682
  - c. 816
  - d. 848
3. What is the best synonym for the word “trajectory,” as used in the second paragraph?
  - a. Job
  - b. Progress
  - c. Station
  - d. Sedentary
4. Saying that Curry and Thompson’s shots always “splashed” into the net is an example of what type of figurative language?
  - a. Simile
  - b. Hyperbole
  - c. Onomatopoeia
  - d. Alliteration
5. Which best summarizes Curry’s quote after winning the MVP award?
  - a. Keep working hard, and you will succeed.
  - b. Luck is the key to all success.
  - c. The more time you spend on something, the less passion you will have.
  - d. If at first you don’t succeed, try again.
6. Which was not an accomplishment of Curry’s?
  - a. Helping the Warriors win 3 NBA Championships
  - b. Winning MVP by a unanimous vote
  - c. A 20 game win streak in 2016
  - d. An average of 23.5 points per game
7. Which event in Curry’s life happened last?
  - a. Attending Davidson College
  - b. Getting drafted by the Warriors
  - c. Finishing second in Rookie of the Year balloting
  - d. Defeating the Cleveland Cavaliers

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