*“This is what it means to say Phoenix, Arizona”*

**Why** do you think nobody listens to Thomas? “Thomas was a storyteller that nobody wanted to listen to. That’s like being a dentist in a town where everybody has false teeth” (61)

**Why** do you think Alexie says, “Victor felt a sudden need for tradition” (62)

**Why** do you think does Victor beat up Thomas? (65)

**Why** do you think Victor is embarrassed that Thomas talks to Cathy? (65-66)

Circle one:

Imagine you are on a bus or an airplane. Do you:

1. talk to the stranger in the seat next to you even if you’ve never met before
2. put in headphones and pretend to be asleep or not speak English

What is the most awkward encounter you’ve ever had with a stranger? (Within reason)

**Why** do you think Alexie says, “Everybody has dreams about flying. Thomas flew.” (70)

**Why** does Victor think the jackrabbit committed suicide? (72)

Victor and Thomas say “Ya-hey” and “Enit”. What is one word your family says that other people might not understand? What does the word mean?