

# The Big Test



“Want to spend the night, Roberto? Dad said it’s okay.”

“I wish I could, Daniel, but I have to study.”

“IT’S FRIDAY NIGHT! Are you serious?”

“I know, but my parents expect me to get a high score on that achievement test next week. They even got me a tutor!”

Daniel was secretly jealous. He and Roberto were best friends, but they were fierce competitors in their schoolwork. Most of the time they both got As on their tests and projects.

The state exams were a different story, though, because Roberto just wasn’t as good at taking tests. He got very nervous and made a lot of guesses. Daniel, on the other hand, usually sailed

through even the big tests without any problem.

Roberto looked gloomy and out of sorts. “Maybe I can come over next week, Daniel?” he suggested.

“Sure,” Daniel mumbled. He felt badly, but wasn’t sure if it was for himself or his friend. If he was honest, maybe he felt guilty because taking tests came so easily to him.

The following week, the teacher reminded the class to eat a good breakfast on the morning of the big test. Daniel wasn’t too worried about it, but he could see that Roberto already looked like he was on pins and needles.



#### DID YOU KNOW?

An **achievement test** measures how much you have learned in school. Always get a good night’s sleep the night before, and eat a good breakfast on the morning of the test.

Daniel made up his mind right then to be a good friend.

“Roberto,” he said, “you look really stressed out. Why don’t we spend a little time after school and review what your tutor has told you about taking tests? I could use some pointers, myself!”

Daniel knew he was fibbing a little, but he figured maybe it would put his friend at ease. Then the test would be over and done with, and they could have some fun for a change!