

Overcoming Dyslexia and Turning a Corner in Life

Summarize this story in one sentence.

1. Why was Sean nervous when he played board games with his friends?
2. What two coping skills did Sean use to get through high school?
3. What do you think Sean means when he says that in college, he “hit a wall” with the amount of reading involved?
4. What was his strategy for coping in college?
5. Describe Sean’s mental picture for the word “polycarbonate.”

6. Approximately how many pictures did he create every semester?

7. What was Sean's greatest fear?

8. What kind of job did he have after college?

9. What were his two coping strategies for this job?

10. Why did he leave this job?

11. What was his next job?

12. What article changed his life?

13. What did he do after he read this article?

14. What were the test results?

15. Why do you think he cried all the way home?

Conversation and Writing Questions

- 1. Do you know anyone with a learning disability? Were they able to get help?***
- 2. How are people with learning disabilities treated in your native country ?***
- 3. Why is self-esteem important? What are the best ways to build self-esteem?***
- 4. Describe any coping strategies you have developed to help you function in a new language and a new culture.***

