

GETTING THE NEWS



When Timmy Baker heard that he had cancer, it was a big surprise, a scary surprise. But his attitude and, later, the attitudes of those around him played a key role in his recovery. Think about the video featuring Timmy as you answer the following questions.

PART 1: Comprehension

1. Why did Timmy think his doctors were lying when they first told him the news?

2. What were Timmy's first thoughts about his diagnosis?

3. How did Timmy react when his friends visited him in the hospital?

4. How did Timmy's friends, teachers, and coaches offer both moral support and practical help?

5. How do you think Timmy's attitude helped him in his fight against cancer?

PART 2: Essay

How do you think you would react to a friend being diagnosed with cancer? Also how would you hope your other friends and family would react? How would you give support? Write a one-page essay answering these questions. Be sure to be specific where possible.