

**Passage #1**

On November 16, 1988 Tad Gordon left his aunt's home in Lexington, Kentucky. He was sure that he could make it on his own. He had lived with his aunt since both of his parents were killed in an auto accident eleven years ago. As much as Tad loved his aunt, he knew he could not stay with her the rest of his life. He was grateful for all that his aunt had done for him, but he couldn't do what she asked, and that was stay in Lexington. Tad had a chance to get a really good job in Ohio. He didn't want to leave his elderly aunt, but he knew that he stood a better chance of making something of himself if he moved away and took on the job of looking after himself.

**Practice:** Follow along though the passage until you find the phrases for which you are looking.

**Find this phrase**

**First word that follows the phrase**

- 1. a really good job in
- 2. had lived with his aunt
- 3. chance to get a
- 4. better chance of
- 5. want to leave his

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**Skim for the answers to the following questions.**

- 6. How many times is the word *chance* used in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. How many times is the word *Lexington* used in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. How many times is the word *job* used in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. What is the first word after the word *aunt's*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. What word is right in front of the word *parents*? \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. What month is used in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. How many times is Tad's name mentioned? \_\_\_\_\_