

A Tough Call

Elementary: Grades 3–4

Vocabulary

cheapskate	a person who does not like to spend money and who tries to avoid paying a fair share of costs
gamble	to bet money on an uncertain outcome, for example on which team will win a sports game
idolize	to greatly admire
legend	a well-known or famous person
musty	to smell damp and old
pennant	a triangular-shaped flag decorated with team logos; also the name for a baseball championship
scandal	when someone does something wrong on purpose that is discovered and talked about by many people
scrapbook	a blank book in which items such as newspaper clippings and pictures are kept and saved
testimony	to speak in a court of law
verdict	the decision of guilt or innocence that a jury makes at the end of a court case