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The Boy Who Saved Baseball

1. What details in the introductory paragraph tell you about Tom's personality? (p.168)
2. What details show how the media involvement is affecting the townspeople? (p.168)
3. How does the sentence about "El Gato Loco" contribute to the plot of the story? (p.170)
4. What is the reporter saying about the team's situation and why the media is interested? (p.171)
5. Why is it meaningful that the two quietest players on the team say they have a chance? (p.172)
6. How do Mr. Jones's words and actions emphasize how important the baseball game really is? (p.174)
7. How could winning the game cause Tom's family to lose their home? (p.175)

8. On page 175, the story says, “And now it was time to speak.” Why does Tom believe it was time to speak?
9. What internal conflict is Tom battling as the others discuss the situation? (p.176)
10. What do you think Rachel’s comment about being “human” means? (p.177)
11. What does Rachel’s question about how the situation looks from the hawk’s nest or the stars mean? (p.178)
12. Why do you think Tom decides to try to win the game? What text evidence supports your answer? (p.178)
13. **Essential Question:** How do the media influence how people feel about events?