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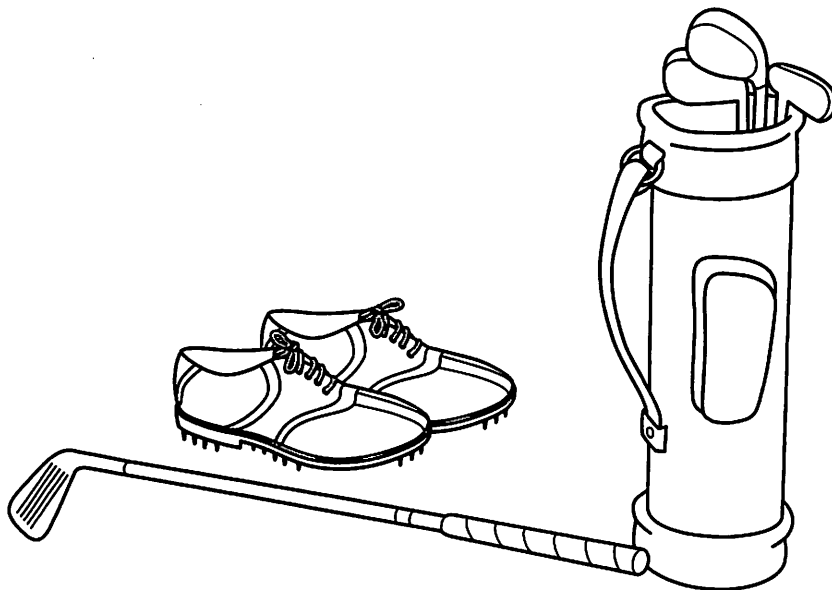
Jordan Spieth, Golfer Extraordinaire

Jordan Spieth was born in Dallas, Texas, on July 27, 1993. His parents, Shawn and Chris, were both athletes. He has two younger siblings. He was always looking after them. Jordan played baseball, basketball, football, golf, and soccer as he was growing up. He eventually chose golf as his sport of choice. He has proven that this was one of the best decisions of his life!

When Jordan was nine years old, he took out the family mower. He made a section of his lawn as low as he could so that he might practice his putting. It was then that his parents joined a golf club. They wanted him to have a true course to practice on.

Jordan's parents have said that he was a typical boy growing up—he goofed off with his friends and got in trouble. However, he worked hard at school. He made the honor roll every single semester. He went on to college but dropped out after less than one year in order to **pursue** his love of golf.

He began playing on the pro tour in 2013. He finished in the Top 10 in his first two events. He continued to play well and won his first PGA (Professional Golf Association) title at 19, becoming the youngest winner since 1931. He was named Rookie of the Year and has played professional golf ever since.



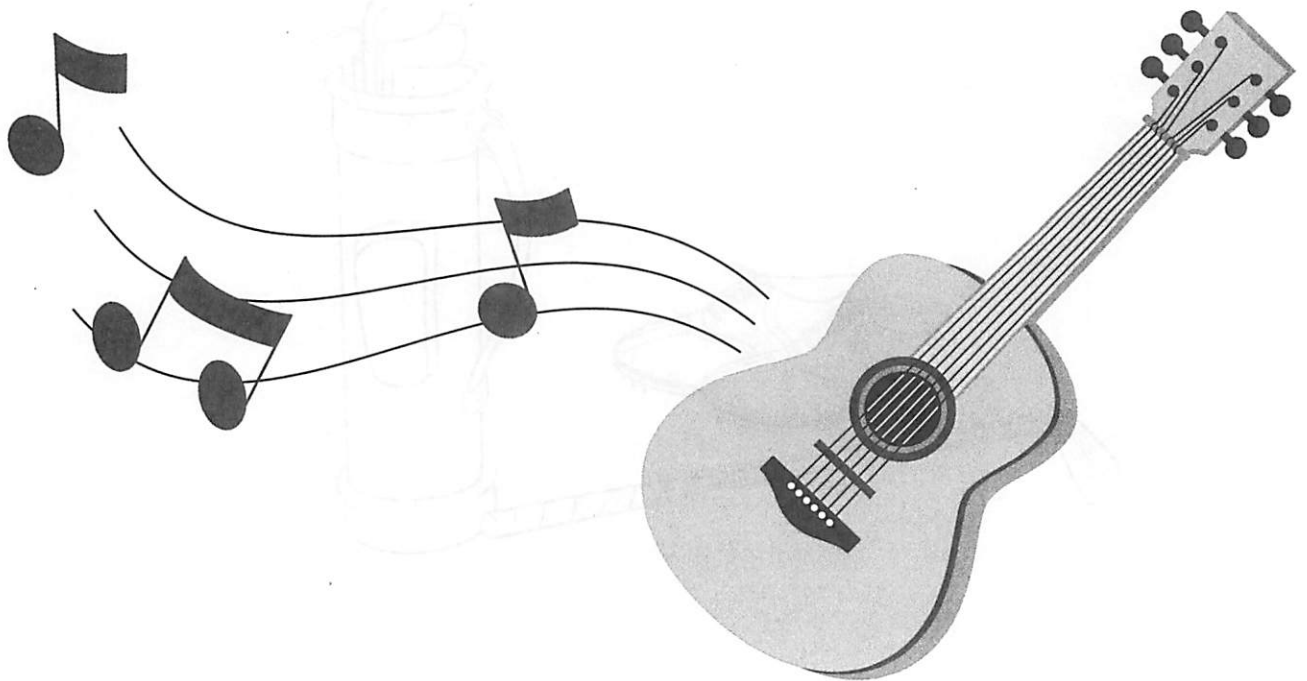
Adam Levine, Music Man

Adam Noah Levine was born on March 18, 1979, in Los Angeles, California. His parents, Patsy and Fredric, had four other children. Adam and some of his junior high friends formed a band, Kara's Flowers. He originally played guitar. Since then he has branched out and plays many other instruments. He has been seen playing keyboards, piano, accordion, drums, and many different forms of guitar.

Kara's Flowers had their first gig at a high school dance. Adam was so shy that he had to face the back of the stage. He went to a private high school. After this he went on to college in New York City. He dropped out of college after only one semester and went back home to Los Angeles. He joined up with his old band mates. They added one more band member and became Maroon 5.

In New York, Adam had his heart broken when his girlfriend broke up with him. He wanted something positive to come out of it. Because of this, he wrote lots of songs about his former girlfriend. They were the songs Maroon 5 recorded on their first album. The album became a huge success! The band won a Grammy Award for best new artist in 2004.

Adam has openly stated that he has been diagnosed with ADHD (Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder). Many believe that this has been a factor in his learning so many different instruments and working such long hours. No one can deny the success of his career. He is definitely one talented music man!



Name _____

Answer the questions.

1. How does the author of "Jordan Spieth, Golfer Extraordinaire" best support the statement, "He has proven that this was one of the best decisions of his life!"?
- A. He eventually chose golf as his sport of choice.
 - B. He made a section of his lawn as low as he could so that he might practice putting.
 - C. He dropped out of college after less than one year in order to pursue golf.
 - D. He continued to play well and won his first PGA (Professional Golf Association) title at 19, becoming the youngest winner since 1931.

2. What does the word **pursue** mean as used in "Jordan Spieth, Golfer Extraordinaire"?
- A. give up B. go after C. support D. begin

3. What do you think would have happened if Jordan's parents had not joined a golf club? Support your thinking.

4. How does the author of "Adam Levine, Music Man" best support the statement, "He is definitely one talented music man!"?
- A. He has been seen playing keyboards, piano, accordion, drums, and many different forms of guitar.
 - B. They added one more band member and became Maroon 5.
 - C. They were the songs Maroon 5 recorded on their first album.
 - D. The band won a Grammy Award for best new artist in 2004.

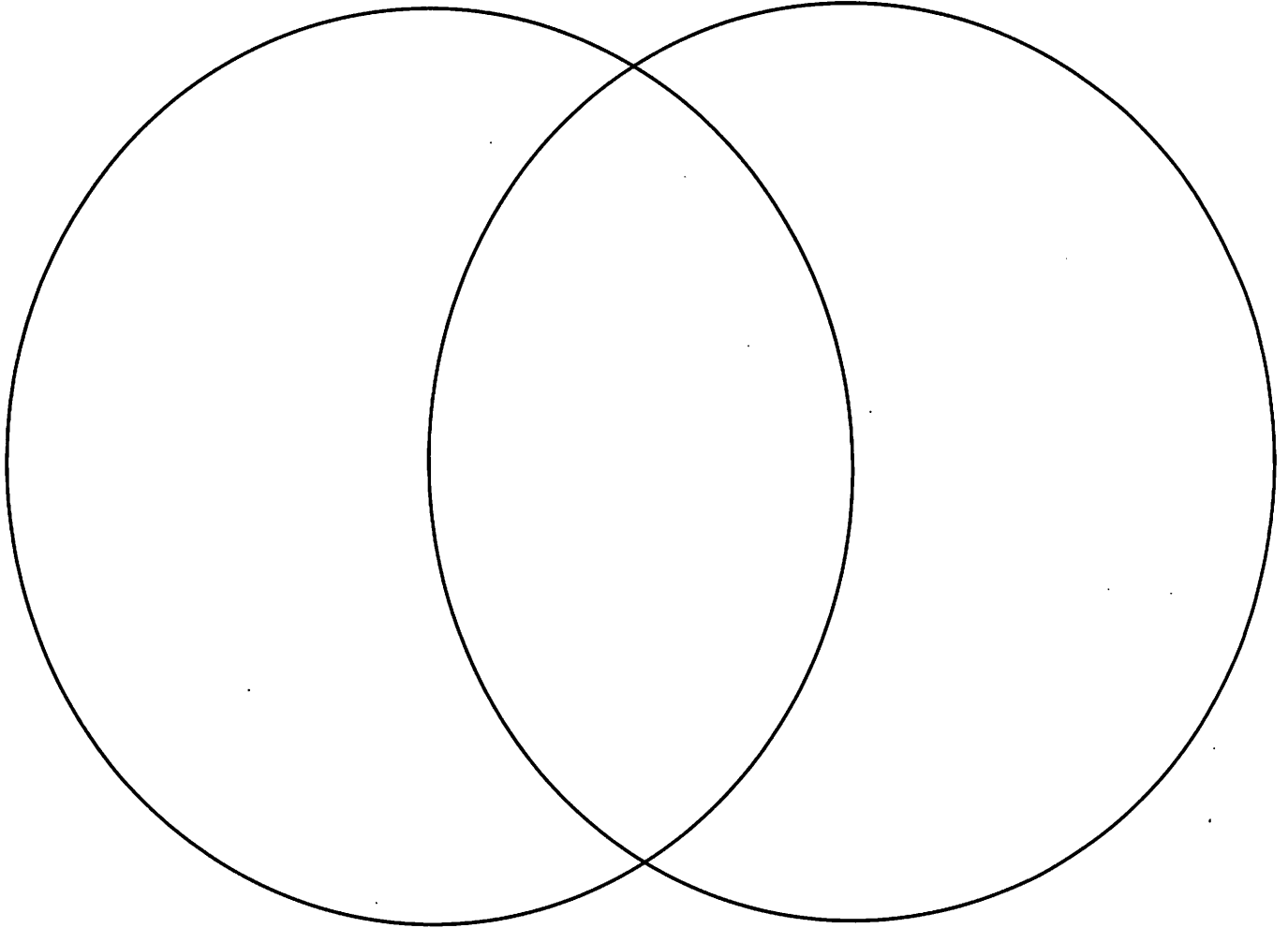
5. There is an idiom in "Adam Levine, Music Man." Find it, write it, and tell what it really means.

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6. Think about both Jordan Spieth and Adam Levine. What are some things that they have in common? What are some of their differences? Fill out the organizer.

Jordan Spieth

Adam Levine



7. Think about what it takes to become successful at something. Write a paragraph about the character traits that both Jordan Spieth and Adam Levine have that helped make them successful. Support your thinking with text evidence.
