



**It's a Girl Thing**  
by  
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**Series: Book 1, Diva**

**Teacher Notes prepared  
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Readership: Mid to Upper primary,  
reluctant readers early secondary

Genre: Fiction

**Diva - It's A Girl Thing.**

**Mickey Farrell dreams of being a singing star. The Sports Tragic's, her sisters Gemma and Sam, dream of being sporting legends.**

- ☐ There are many types of dreams. There are dreams you have when you're asleep and dreams you hope will come true. The dreams you have when you're awake, the dreams you hope will come true, can be described as goals. Investigate these different types of dreams and write your own definition for each.
- ☐ How would you describe the difference between the two types of dreams?
- ☐ Think about what you'd like to do. Write a list of your dreams or goals. Include as many as you can from the most simple, like learning to whistle, to the most complex, like being a singing star.
- ☐ Choose a partner and discuss your dreams.
- ☐ Use the Internet or your library to research two successful people, like singers Kylie Minogue or Delta Goodrem or sports people like Leisel Jones or Cathy Freeman.
- ☐ Now return to your list of dreams. Pick three and outline what you need to do to make your dreams come true.
  - a. What were their dreams?
  - b. What steps did they take to achieve their dreams?
  - c. Do they still have goals or dreams they hope to reach?

**Mickey's Dream**

- ☐ What steps do you think Mickey has taken towards her dream before auditioning for Diva?
- ☐ Imagine Mickey didn't make it to Round Two. Would her dream be over? Explain your answer.
- ☐ Mickey's dream is to be a singing star. How would you describe Coco's dream?
- ☐ How do you think the Sports Tragic's view Mickey's dream?
- ☐ How would Mickey's preparation to reach her dreams be similar and different to The Sports Tragic's preparations? Record your thoughts in a Venn diagram.



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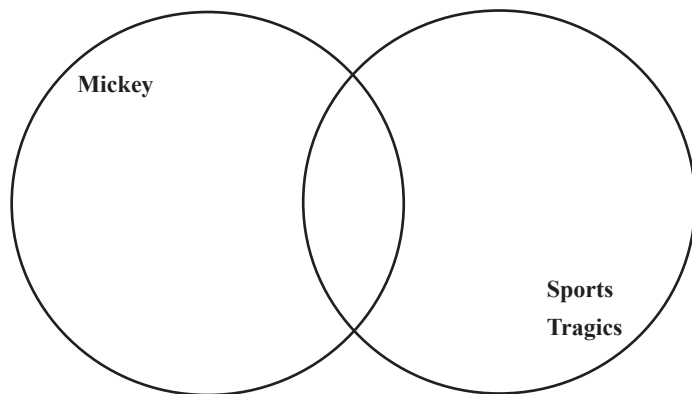
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# Teacher Notes



A Venn diagram is a great visual reference to highlight similarities and differences between two or more subjects.

## Example



## About the Author



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**Sue continues to teach, write for children and run writing workshops for children and adults.**