Name _____

Dad's Little Patriot

Carson went to his very first professional baseball game with his dad. He was excited as the seats filled with laughing, cheering fans. He saw food vendors winding through the stadium selling hot dogs and popcorn. He watched the players warm up out on the field and couldn't wait for the game to begin. Suddenly, over the loud speaker, Carson heard the announcer ask the audience to stand for the singing of *The Star-Spangled Banner.*

"What's that, Dad?" Carson asked.

"It's our country's national anthem," his father explained. "It's a song about our United States flag that was written long ago when our country was fighting a war with Great Britain. The song writer was in a ship offshore and woke in the morning to see the flag still waving after a fierce battle. He was glad, and it inspired him to compose *The Star-Spangled Banner*. Now, it's a symbol of our national pride, and that is why we stand out of respect while it is sung."

Standing tall with the rest of the fans, Carson placed his hand over his heart. He looked up to see his father smiling and doing the same thing.

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1. In the story, Carson attended his first professional _____ game.
   - ◯ soccer
   - ◯ hockey
   - ◯ baseball
   - ◯ football

2. How did Carson feel about being at this game?
   - ◯ afraid
   - ◯ nervous
   - ◯ excited
   - ◯ bored

3. Before the game, the _____ asked the fans to rise for the singing of *The Star-Spangled Banner*.
   - ◯ team captain
   - ◯ announcer
   - ◯ umpire
   - ◯ pitcher

4. *The Star-Spangled Banner* is our country's national _____.
   - ◯ bird
   - ◯ pledge
   - ◯ anthem
   - ◯ story

5. During the national anthem, Carson placed his hand over his _____.
   - ◯ mouth
   - ◯ heart
   - ◯ eyes
   - ◯ ears