**Run Fat boy Run**

**I. Blank Filling:**

(A)　justify (B) supporters (C) transported (D) [hit the wall (E) sprints　 (F) blurts out](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hitting_the_wall%22%20%5Co%20%22Hitting%20the%20wall)

(G)　tripping (H) interrupted (I) trips (J) overtake (K) out-do (L) landlord (M) proposes

(N) Marathon (O) [pregnant](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pregnancy) (P) finish (Q) runs away (S) ring (T) cousin (U) sprained

Dennis is about to marry Libby, his \_\_(1)\_\_ [fiancée](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Engagement). However, he gets cold feet and \_\_(2)\_\_\_ on the day of the wedding. Five years later, Dennis discovers that Libby, who has their son, Jake, has started seeing successful but arrogant Whit and realizes that he has truly lost her. He finds out that Whit is running the Nike River \_\_(3)\_\_ in [London](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/London), and to prove himself to his uncertain friends and, most importantly, Libby and his son, he decides to run the race himself.

He receives motivation from his two "coaches", Gordon, a well-meaning [slacker](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slacker) who is Libby's \_\_(4)\_\_ and Dennis' best friend, and Mr. Ghosh Dastidar , his \_\_(5)\_\_. Days before the race, Whit \_\_(6)\_\_ to Libby at her birthday party. Libby accepts and this puts Dennis in a state of deep [depression](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Major_depressive_disorder). As a result, he decides to quit the race.

Meanwhile, Jake, who has formed a crush on a girl in his class, runs away upset when he discovers that she prefers another boy just because he has a ponytail. Dennis, upon being informed by a frantic Libby, tracks him down and explains to him that he will find many things he does not like in his life and he should just stand up to them and face them, rather than running away. Having made that mistake himself, he decides to race after all.

Dennis starts the race alongside Whit, who informs Dennis that he intends to move Libby and Jake to [Chicago](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicago), [Illinois](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illinois). Enraged, Dennis mocks Whit and they argue for a while at the start of the race and, in their efforts to \_\_(7)\_\_ each other, they catch up to and then \_\_(8)\_\_ the professional runners, and suddenly Whit \_\_(9)\_\_ Dennis and severely injures him. Stretchers prepare to take Dennis to the hospital.

Whit continues, but is taken to the hospital after feeling pain in his leg. Libby goes to the hospital to find Dennis, but only finds Whit, who claims loudly that his injuries are the result of Dennis deliberately \_\_(10)\_\_ him. The doctor tells him he is not actually injured and has only "\_\_(11)\_\_ ". Jake is playing with Whit's hospital bed, and to Libby's disgust, Whit calls him a "little shit".

Dennis has in fact refused to be \_\_(12)\_\_ to the hospital or even get medical attention and is continuing the race well into the afternoon and evening with a \_\_(13)\_\_ ankle, accompanied by a growing group of \_\_(14)\_\_, including Gordon and Mr. Ghosh Dastidar. A panting Dennis almost "\_\_\_(11)\_\_\_ " but after an emotional insight, his goal to complete the race is restored. Later at Whit's house, Libby, Jake and Whit, watch a television replay of the Whit/Dennis argument, as the replay shows that in fact Whit had deliberately tripped Dennis and had fallen over because Dennis pulled him down as he was falling.

As Whit tries to \_\_(15)\_\_ his behaviour, he \_\_(16)\_\_ his intentions to have Libby and Jake move to Chicago with him. A fed up Libby puts the engagement \_\_(17)\_\_ on a table, telling Whit "nobody's perfect" and storms out with Jake. The two go to meet Dennis as he arrives at the \_\_(18)\_\_ line. Dennis falls over just metres from the finish line and cannot get up until he sees Libby and Jake calling to him at which point he gets up, \_\_(19)\_\_ to the finish and collapses in their arms.

Some time later, notably healthier and fully recovered from his injuries, Dennis calls at Libby's house to pick up Jake. He says that he has something to ask her, but is \_\_(20)\_\_ by Jake, and says he'll talk to her later. However, just after she shuts the door, he knocks again and asks her on a date. She accepts.

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**II. Essay question**

21. After watching this comedy, how did you feel ? Any reflection?