Basketball Practice

Roger and Gary are brothers. Roger has basketball practice with his team, the Rockets, every day after school. All the kids on the team are between nine and eleven years old. After Roger's mom picks his younger brother Gary up from school, they go to the park to watch Roger practice.

Roger is tall and is good at passing the ball to his teammates. He is also good at shooting free throws. He hopes to play on his high school team someday. Gary is only seven years old, and is too young to play, but he enjoys watching his brother. Gary is proud of his brother and hopes to play basketball like him when he gets older.

At home, Roger always seems to have a basketball close by, under his arm, or next to his bed while he sleeps.
He even has one of those plastic toy basketball hoops attached to the top of the door to his bedroom. At night, before he goes to sleep, he and Gary throw balled-up socks toward the rim and count how many ‘baskets’ each one of them makes.

Roger sometimes watches basketball games on TV with his dad, but he would rather just play ‘b-ball’ (as he and his friends call it), with his friends at the park, or in his driveway with other kids who live on his street. Roger recently started practicing dribbling with his left hand and between his legs. He isn’t learning how to do these things to show off, but rather to be able to outmaneuver players who are guarding him in a game. Roger is dedicated to the game of basketball!