

Practice vs Play
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1 It was the most tiring at times, but I pushed through
2 It was hard to wake up motivated, but I did
3 Most of the time
4 Okay. You caught me
5 That's a fib
6 It was difficult to be critiqued, but I made the most out of it
7 It was demanding to learn new plays, but I knew that it would pay off
8 It was grueling to start my day at the crack of dawn, but Coach knows best for team
9 Is it worth it?
10 I accepted that this orange ball was going to play a great part of my life for the next five months
11 I worked like a horse
12 Is it worth it?
13 Then game day rolls around
14 That's when I remember all over again,
15 It is worth it.

16 To see our proud families in the bleachers
17 To glimpse a pleased coach
18 Almost as proud as a Texan
19 To feel your own face light up, without control, the second you make that shot
20 To hear your name being cheered
21 It is worth it.
22 Putting on that uniform and stepping out on the court, there's no feeling like it
23 It's an amalgamation of anxiousness and excitement
24 I am Maya Moore, well we can pretend I am
25 Being victorious is an unbelievable feeling, but unfortunately that is not how it always works out
26 I think losing is the biggest learning curve there is
27 The mindset to improve should always be prevalent
28 You pick yourself up and ameliorate, and try harder next time
29 The power of believing yourself is like no other, being confident in your abilities is so necessary
30 I am Kendall Jenner
31 Knowing my amazing team has my back on and off the court makes me feel prepared
32 I say a little prayer and hope for the best
33 It's time to work hard and leave everything I have out on the court
34 Above all, it's time to have fun
35 It's time to break and finally make use of all that hard work
36 "Lady Jags on 3"
37 "1,2,3 Lady Jags" *clap*
38 I know that it is worth it.

Similes

1 I worked like a horse- stanza 1, line 11
2 Almost as proud as a Texan- stanza 2, line 18

Metaphors

1 I am Maya Moore- stanza 2, line 24
2 I am Kendall Jenner- stanza 2, line 30

Parallelism #1

I purposely repeated "It was" several times in the first stanza. I did this, because I wanted to bring emphases on the specific details of practice. This allows the reader to give special attention and focus on the event, and what it was like.

Stanza 1-lines 1,2,6,7, and 8

Parallelism #2

The fanboy "but", was used in majority of the sentences in the first stanza. I used this specific technique to show problem and solution.

Stanza 1- lines 1,2,6,7 and 8

Parallelism #3

The repetition of the question/statement "Is it worth it?" "It is worth it", and "I know that it is worth it", is very key to this poem. I start with questioning if all the practice and hard work is worth it, and as the poem goes on, I come to remember that it is totally worth it.

Stanzas 1-2-lines 9,12,15,21, and 38

Repetition #1

In stanza two, many of the lines began with one of the five senses. I did this to create imagery in the reader's mind, as to what occurs at a basketball game in a player's perspective.

Stanza 2-lines 16,17,19, and 20

Repetition #2

The imagery of a basketball game being a very positive and energetic environment is repeated several times throughout the second stanza. I did this to make sure the readers understand that in my opinion, it is worth it.

Stanza 2- lines 16,17,19,20,22,23,31,32,33,34,35,36,37, and 38