

INT. DINNING ROOM - EVENING **CASEY SIDES**

CASEY sits at the dinner table across from DAD who is eating from a paper plate. CASEY is not eating...just sitting there thinking.

Start ->

DAD
You're not eating?

CASEY
No thanks.

DAD
It's your favorite.

CASEY
I'm not hungry.

DAD
How was school?

CASEY
Normal.

DAD
What does that mean?

CASEY
It's school, Dad.

DAD
Okay.
(beat)
I was thinking...we could go to a movie tonight?

CASEY
I think I'd rather just work on my project.

DAD
Alright.

There is a LONG SILENT BEAT.

CASEY
Are we poor?

DAD
What? Why would you say that?

CASEY
Sam was making fun of me at lunch today.

(MORE)

CASEY(cont'd)

He called me poor in front of everyone. I told him that it's not true but I'm not sure.

DAD

Listen to me. We may not have a lot of money, but we have each other and we do the best we can. Right?

CASEY

(satisfied) (worried)

Right.

// End



Practice delivering the end of this scene with BOTH of the parenthetical choices available. Pay attention to how the entire end of the scene changes with just the change of subtext on ONE word.