

Eddie, The Collegiate Senior

Naming the Hammer

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Kathy walks over, and Officer Hayes' daughter, Cindy, exclaims, "hey! You're my gym teacher!" Kathy replies, "yes, I am. How are you doing, Cindy? Did you have fun today?" Cindy replies, "yeah. How come you're here?" Kathy replies, "I'm here because my husband, Eddie, ran in the track meet today." Eddie tells Cindy, "hi. I'm Eddie." Cindy exclaims, "wow! You're big!" Kathy tells Cindy, "Eddie ran in a few races and threw the discus and hammer today." Cindy asks Eddie, "why do you throw a hammer?" Eddie replies, "well, it's not really a hammer." Cindy asks, "then, why do they call it a hammer?" Getting out of explaining the details to the second grader, Eddie tells Cindy, "your gym teacher will explain that to you."

Kathy tells Cindy, "honestly, Cindy, I don't know why they call it a hammer. But, the hammer is a very heavy steel ball, connected to a cable, with a handle attached to the other end of the cable." Cindy informs Kathy, "I know why they call it a hammer." Kathy replies, "tell me, Cindy. Why do they call it a hammer?" Referring to Kathy's description of the hammer, Cindy replies, "because all that took way too long to say." Cindy made a great observation. Calling the apparatus a hammer is a whole lot easier than calling the hammer a very heavy steel ball, connected to a cable, with a handle attached to the other end of the cable.