



Read the story carefully. Then answer each question in a full sentence.

The Pixel Pioneers' Practice



Leo adjusted his headset, the hum of computers filling the school's esports club room. Today was a big practice day for the "Pixel Pioneers," their team for the upcoming regional tournament. Leo loved the thrill of "Galactic Conquest," a fast-paced strategy game where teams captured zones. He felt a mix of excitement and nerves.

Their coach, Ms. Chen, had set up a scrimmage against the "Digital Dragons," another club team known for tricky strategies. "Remember, communication is key!" Ms. Chen reminded them. The game started, and the Pixel Pioneers quickly captured two zones. Leo, playing as the speedy scout, zipped across the map.

In the final minute, the score was tied. Leo saw an opening to capture the last zone, but it meant leaving his teammates vulnerable. He hesitated, remembering a past match where he tried to be a hero and failed. "Should I go for it alone?" he wondered, fingers hovering.

That split second of doubt cost them. A Digital Dragon player swooped in, securing the zone for their team. The screen flashed "DEFEAT." Leo slumped. His teammate, Maya, patted his shoulder. "It's okay, Leo. We learn from every match," she said kindly.



Later, Ms. Chen gathered them. "Winning is great, but learning and growing together is even better," she explained. "Teamwork isn't just about winning; it's about supporting each other, even when things get tough." Leo realized she was right. He had focused too much on his own play, forgetting the bigger picture.



Leo looked at his teammates. Next time, he would trust his team more and communicate his plans. The tournament was still ahead, and he knew they would be stronger, not just as players, but as a unit. They weren't just playing a game; they were building something together.



COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) Who is the main character of the story, and where is he practicing?

(2) What happened in the final minute of the game against the Digital Dragons?

(3) Why did Leo hesitate to capture the last zone by himself?

(4) How did Leo feel immediately after the game ended, and what in the story shows this?

(5)



What message about teamwork does Ms. Chen share, and how does Leo's experience connect to it?

