

How Characters Respond to Events

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Quick Review

Characters act and feel when things happen in a story. When you read, ask: What happened? How did the character feel? What did the character do next?

PART 1 — READ

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

The Big Game

It was the day of the big soccer game. Ben was nervous. His hands felt cold, and his tummy felt jumpy. He had never played in front of so many people. His coach smiled and said, 'Just do your best, Ben.'

In the first half, Ben tripped and fell. The other team scored a goal. Ben felt upset and wanted to quit. But his friend Liam ran over and helped him up. 'We can still win,' Liam said. 'Keep trying!'

Ben took a deep breath and got back in the game. He ran fast and kicked the ball hard. It flew right into the net! Ben's team cheered. Ben felt proud that he did not give up.

PART 2 — PRACTICE

Read the story. Then answer the questions about how Ben acts and feels.

- How did Ben feel before the game started?
 - proud
 - nervous
 - sleepy
 - angry
- Which detail shows that Ben felt nervous?
 - He kicked the ball hard.
 - His hands felt cold and his tummy felt jumpy.
 - He cheered with his team.
 - He smiled at his coach.



- 3. What happened after Ben tripped and fell?
 - A. His team scored a goal.
 - B. The other team scored a goal.
 - C. The game ended.
 - D. Ben went home.
- 4. How did Ben feel after he fell down?
 - A. happy and proud
 - B. upset and ready to quit
 - C. calm and sleepy
 - D. surprised and excited
- 5. What did Liam do to help Ben?
 - A. He scored a goal.
 - B. He helped Ben up and told him to keep trying.
 - C. He took Ben home.
 - D. He told the coach to stop the game.
- 6. What did Ben do after Liam helped him?
 - A. He quit the game.
 - B. He sat down and cried.
 - C. He took a deep breath and got back in the game.
 - D. He went to the bench.
- 7. Why did Ben feel proud at the end?
 - A. He won a prize.
 - B. He did not give up and helped his team.
 - C. The game was over.
 - D. His coach gave him candy.
- 8. Ben quit the game after he tripped and fell.

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- 9. How did Ben change from the start of the story to the end?

- 10. What is one kind thing Liam did for Ben? Why was it kind?



Answer Keys

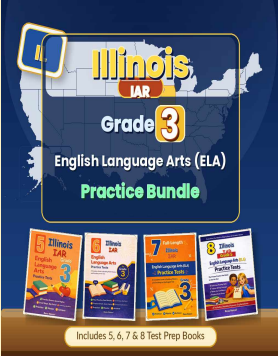
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Explanations	
1. B	Paragraph 1 says Ben was nervous before the game.
2. B	Cold hands and a jumpy tummy show Ben was nervous.
3. B	Paragraph 2 says the other team scored after Ben fell.
4. B	The story says Ben felt upset and wanted to quit.
5. B	Liam helped Ben up and said, 'Keep trying!'
6. C	Paragraph 3 says Ben took a deep breath and got back in the game.
7. B	Ben felt proud because he kept trying and did not give up.
8. F	Ben did not quit; he got back in the game and scored a goal.
9.	Answer: He started out nervous and upset, but he ended up brave and proud. The answer should show Ben went from nervous to proud.
10.	Answer: Liam helped Ben up and cheered for him; it was kind because it gave Ben hope. Accept any answer that names Liam's helpful action and why it helped.



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