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Reading Comprehension: Soccer Saturday

Grade 2 | Reading an original short story and answering questions with text evidence

Read the story. Then answer the questions on the next page.

Soccer Saturday

Marco stood on the sideline and squeezed his water bottle. It was the first soccer game of the season, and his stomach felt like it was full of butterflies. "What if I miss the ball?" he whispered to himself.

Coach Rivera knelt beside him. "Everyone feels nervous at the start," she said. "Just keep your eyes on the ball and help your team." Marco nodded and took a deep breath.

When Marco ran onto the field, his legs felt stiff. The other team kicked the ball toward him. He almost froze, but then he heard his teammate Ana call, "I'm open!" Marco passed the ball. Ana dribbled past a defender and scored!

Marco grinned as the team cheered. He still felt a little nervous, but he also felt brave. After the game, Coach Rivera patted his shoulder. "You stayed in the play," she said. "That is what matters most."

On the ride home, Marco told his dad, "I want to practice passing this week." He was already looking forward to next Saturday.

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Circle the best answer. Look back at the story to find proof.

1. How does Marco feel at the beginning of the story?

- a) Bored
- b) Nervous
- c) Angry
- d) Sleepy

2. What advice does Coach Rivera give Marco?

- a) Go home early
- b) Keep your eyes on the ball and help your team
- c) Only kick with your left foot
- d) Argue with the other team

3. What does Marco do that helps Ana score?

- a) He sits down
- b) He passes the ball to Ana
- c) He takes a water break
- d) He ties his shoe

4. Which word best describes Marco at the end of the game?

- a) Brave
- b) Lazy
- c) Mean
- d) Confused

5. What lesson does Marco learn? Use details from the story.
