'HENRY -THE MOST VALUABLE PLAYER'

Henry was the most talented player on his soccer team, the "Lightning Bolts'. He scored more goals than any other player. Henry had one fault. During games, he would not pass the ball to his teammates.

The Lightning Bolts' had won every game since the season began. However, the other players were displeased because they wanted to feel like they were part of the team. To satisfy the players, Henry's coach advised him to pass the ball to his teammates as often as possible.

In their final game for the championship, the lightning Bolts' were down 2-0. Henry tried desperately to keep his team alive. Both times when he got the ball, Henry looked for a teammate. He passed the first ball to Tamar and the second ball to Louis. Both players scored, tying the game.

The excitement mounted as the spectators chanted loudly 'Go Bolts, Go!' Pumped by the cheers of the crowd, Henry dashed down the field. Three players from the other team got between him and the goal. Henry frantically looked at the goal considering his problem. If he kicked the ball, he might not score. Then he saw Kyle all alone in front of the net. Should he pass to Kyle? Kyle had not scored all year. Could he do it now?

Henry pulled the ball back with his foot. He got ready to kick the ball toward the goal. At the last minute, he passed it to Kyle. Kyle kicked the ball into the net. The final whistle blew. The team won 2-3! Henry and his teammates went wild. They had played like a team. The Lightning Bolts had struck again!

1. Based on information from the passage, why was Henry considered to be the best player on the team?

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2. Write the sentence from the passage that demonstrates that Henry was not a team player?

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3. What advice did the coach give to Henry?

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4. Select the letter for the correct answer. Why did coach give advice to Henry?
   A. Henry's team was losing the game.
   B. Henry's team players were sore losers.
   C. The other team players could run faster than Henry.
   D. Henry's team players wanted a chance to score.

5. Which word best describes the coach's feelings towards the other players in the team?
   A. happy
   B. annoyed
   C. nervous
   D. sympathetic

6. Support your answer from 'a' with evidence from the passage.

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7. Give **TWO** reasons why Henry was reluctant to pass the ball to Kyle.

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8. 'Both players scored tying the game.' Give a description of a 'tied game.'

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9. Which saying below best summarizes the lesson Henry learned by the end of the story?
   A. You can't teach an old dog a new trick.
   B. All work and no play make Jack a dull boy.
   C. A loner is out to get what he wants for himself.
   D. You can accomplish much when it doesn't matter who gets the credit.

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