

Highlight the key details from the passage and answer the comprehension questions.

Aiden and the Big Mean Words

Aiden loved playing soccer. Every day after school, he would run outside to practice his kicks and passes. He was so excited because there was going to be a big game on Friday, and he couldn't wait to play with his friends.

But one day, when Aiden was practicing at school, a boy named Carlos came over. Carlos was bigger than Aiden and always liked to make fun of others. "You're so bad at soccer!" Carlos laughed. "You'll never be good enough for the big game!"

Aiden felt his heart sink. He tried to ignore Carlos, but it hurt to hear those mean words. He didn't want to feel bad, but he wasn't sure what to do.

The next day at lunch, Aiden sat with his friend Zara. He told her what had happened. "Carlos was so mean to me yesterday. I don't know what to do," Aiden said, feeling sad.

Zara smiled gently and said, "Aiden, you are really good at soccer, and I know that. Don't let Carlos's words make you feel small. If someone says something hurtful, just remember that it doesn't mean it's true. We are friends, and friends always help each other!"

Aiden felt a little better after talking with Zara. The next time Carlos came over to tease him, Aiden took a deep breath. Instead of getting upset, he looked Carlos in the eye and said, "I love playing soccer, and I'm going to keep practicing, no matter what."

Carlos was surprised. He didn't expect Aiden to stand up for himself. He walked away, and Aiden went back to kicking the soccer ball.

Later that week, Aiden played in the big game. He worked hard, ran fast, and made some great passes. Even though he didn't score the winning goal, he was proud of himself. He realized that when people say mean things, it's important to believe in yourself and keep doing what you love.

Key Details

Refer to the text on the previous page. Write the key details below.

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What?

When?

Where?

Why?

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