



**Open Ended
Comprehension**

The Write Tribe



Read this passage and answer questions questions 1 to 10.

It was a fine morning. The sun's rays bathed the school in a warm glow. My class was about to have our physical education lesson. Mr Tan, our teacher, took us to the field. After doing some warm-up exercises and stretching, he divided the class into two teams and organised a football match. After that, he blew his whistle to signal the start of the match.

The match was an exciting one. Both teams were equally matched in terms of skill and teamwork. There was one moment when I almost scored a goal but the goalkeeper from the opposing team pulled off an incredible save. I shook my head in disbelief. At half time, the match was still goalless.

At the beginning of the second half, it was obvious that players from both teams were tiring from their heavier breathing and slower pace of running. It was also the period where players were more prone to mistakes due to fatigue, which would result in goals being scored. Reminding myself and my teammates to be focused, I ran towards Hafiz from the opposing team, who had the ball and tried to dispossess the ball from him. However, he eluded my tackle and dribbled towards the goal.

As Hafiz ran, Randell, my teammate, charged towards him with the intention of winning the ball. However, his **attempt** was clumsy and he tripped Hafiz in the process. Mr Tan blew his whistle and pointed at the spot. He had awarded the opposing team a penalty! There was a **collective groan** from my teammates as Hafiz picked himself up and did a little celebratory jig. His **action** only further dampened our spirits.

Hafiz stepped up to take the penalty. Although Josh, our goalkeeper, dived in the correct direction, he was powerless to stop Hafiz's shot from entering the goal. Soon, Mr Tan blew his whistle to end the match. Most of my teammates stared daggers at Randell, obviously blaming our loss on him. Randell also sensed the hostility and did not utter a word. I could only imagine how bad he felt.

Approaching Randell's downcast figure, I patted him on the back and said, "Don't worry about it, it wasn't your fault. We lost as a team. Football is a team sport and we weren't good enough." Randell looked up and gave me an appreciative smile. Although I had lost the game that day, I had gained a friend for life in the process. That, to me, was a very **good deal**.

1. Pick out a nine-word phrase from paragraph 1 which suggests that it was a sunny day.

2. Which **two** words from paragraph 2 show that the writer thought the goalkeeper made an amazing save? The words are found in two separate sentences.

3. Why was the match an exciting one?

4. From paragraph 3, how can you tell that the players were getting tired?

5. From paragraph 4, why did the writer's teammates let out 'a collective groan'?

6. From paragraph 6, what was the 'deal' that the writer had made? Why was it 'good'?

7. Which **two** of the following words best describe how Randell felt in paragraph 6?

Put a tick ✓ in the box beside each of your answers.

DO NOT TICK MORE THAN TWO BOXES.

insulted

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dejected

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elated

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jealous

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stunned

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grateful

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8. Look at the table below. What do the words in the left column refer to in the passage? Write your answers in the column on the right.

Word(s) from the passage	What the word(s) refer(s) to
attempt (paragraph 4)	
action (paragraph 4)	
it (paragraph 6)	

9. Write 1, 2 and 3 in the blanks below to indicate the order in which the events occurred in the story.

Hafiz fell.

Randell smiled.

Josh dived.

10. Based on the passage, state whether each statement in the table below is true or false, then give one reason why you think so.

	True/False	Reason
Hafiz was a skilful player.		
Randell was unaffected by the loss.		
The writer was not an understanding person.		