

READ & RECALL

Q2 · Wk3

Grade 5

Maya's Brave Choice

COURAGE

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preceptor reads aloud

DO THIS

► Read the passage carefully.

READ · read carefully — you will answer questions about this

- 1 Maya Chen was twelve years old and loved her soccer team more than almost anything. For three years, she had played every season and made wonderful friends. But this spring, something difficult happened that would test her courage in a way she never expected.
- 2 One Tuesday morning, Maya's coach announced a new rule. Every player would be allowed to play only if they attended a special weekend training camp. The camp cost \$300 and happened during a camping trip Maya's family had already planned. Her parents explained they could not afford both expenses. They told Maya she would have to choose: the training camp or the family camping trip.
- 3 Maya felt confused and sad. Her teammates were all going to the camp. They talked about it excitedly every day at practice. Maya knew that if she didn't go, she might lose her position on the starting team. Her best friend Jamal was going. Even her rival, Emma, was signed up. Maya worried that everyone would forget about her if she wasn't there.
- 4 That night, Maya prayed and thought carefully about what mattered most. She remembered that her grandmother was turning eighty-five soon, and this camping trip was planned to celebrate with her. She thought about her parents' hard work and how they had saved money for this special family time. She realized that being loyal to her family was important too.
- 5 On Friday, Maya made her decision. She told her coach that she would not be attending the training camp. She explained that she had a family commitment she could not break.

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Her coach listened and seemed disappointed, but he understood. Some of her teammates asked, 'Why aren't you coming?' and she answered honestly, without making excuses.

- 6 At the camping trip, something wonderful happened. Maya spent four beautiful days with her grandmother, helping her celebrate her eighty-fifth birthday. Grandma told her how proud she was of Maya's courage. Maya's parents hugged her and said they were proud too. When Maya returned to soccer practice the following Monday, her coach put her back on the starting team. He told the whole team how impressed he was by Maya's loyalty and bravery in making a difficult choice.

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