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Beni's First Chess Club Match

Circle group

Beni went to chess club on Tuesday. He had learned the moves from a book. Now he sat by a girl named Pia.

The pieces stood in rows. Beni moved a pawn. Pia moved one too. Soon Beni lost his knight. Then he lost his bishop. His hands began to sweat.

"Take a minute," said Pia. "No one is in a hurry."

Beni looked at the board. Pia's queen was out too far. He slid his rook across and took it.

"Nice move!" said Pia. Beni did not win. But he could not wait for next Tuesday.

Questions

1. How did Beni learn the moves?

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2. Who did Beni play?

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3. Which piece did Beni take?

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4. What did Pia say when his hands began to sweat?

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5. Why was Beni happy when he did not win?

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Words to know

chess: a board game with pieces that move in special ways
pawn: the smallest chess piece
knight: a chess piece that looks like a horse

hurry: to rush because you need to go fast

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Beni's First Chess Club Match

Triangle group

Beni went to chess club on Tuesday. He had learned the moves from a book. Now he sat across from a girl named Pia.

The pieces stood in two neat rows. Beni moved a pawn. Pia moved one too. Soon Beni's knight was gone. Then his bishop was gone. His hands began to sweat.

"You can take a minute," said Pia. "No one is in a hurry."

Beni looked at the board for a long time. He saw that Pia's queen had come out too far. He slid his rook across the board and took it.

Pia laughed. "Nice move!" she said. Beni did not win that day. But he knew how to take a queen now, and he could not wait for next Tuesday.

Questions

1. How did Beni learn the moves?

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2. Who did Beni play against?

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3. Which piece did Beni take at the end?

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4. What did Pia tell Beni when his hands began to sweat?

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5. Why was Beni happy even though he did not win?

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Words to know

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Beni's First Chess Club Match

Square group

On Tuesday afternoon, Beni went to chess club for the very first time. He had studied the moves in a library book, and now he sat across the table from a girl named Pia.

The pieces stood in two neat rows. Beni moved a pawn, and Pia moved one of hers. Before long, Beni's knight was gone, and then his bishop disappeared as well. His hands began to sweat.

"You can take a minute," said Pia kindly. "Nobody here is in a hurry."

Beni stared at the board for a long time. At last he noticed that Pia's queen had wandered out too far. He slid his rook across the board and captured it.

Pia laughed in surprise. "Nice move!" she said. Beni did not win that day, but he now knew how to take a queen, and he could hardly wait for the next Tuesday.

Questions

1. How did Beni learn the moves before he came to chess club?

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2. Who did Beni play against?

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3. Which of Pia's pieces did Beni capture?

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4. What did Pia say when Beni's hands began to sweat?

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5. Why was Beni still happy even though he did not win?

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Words to know

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knight: a chess piece that looks like a horse
hurry: to rush because you need to go fast

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

For the teacher: Beni's First Chess Club Match

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Beni's First Chess Club Match

Easier · 97 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.1

1. From a book.
2. A girl named Pia.
3. Pia's queen.
4. To take a minute, because no one was in a hurry.
5. He learned something and wanted to play again.

Triangle: Beni's First Chess Club Match

This passage · 125 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. From a book.
2. A girl named Pia.
3. Pia's queen.
4. That he could take a minute, because no one was in a hurry.
5. He learned something new and wanted to play again.

Square: Beni's First Chess Club Match

Harder · 146 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.9

1. He studied them in a library book.
2. A girl named Pia.
3. Her queen.
4. That he could take a minute because nobody was in a hurry.
5. He learned a new skill and was eager to play again.