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Weekly Test Lesson 12

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

Three Is Better Than Two

When the recess bell rang, hundreds of kids dashed outside to freedom and fresh air. Fahim moved over to the side of the crowd so he could find Chi.

“Should we join the kids playing freeze tag or the group of kids playing basketball?” Fahim asked.

Chi replied, “I think we should play basketball today. Let’s go.”

Fahim cried out, “Wait. Isn’t that the new boy in our class standing over there all alone? I think his name is Carlito. Maybe we should ask him if he wants to join us because he looks like he isn’t sure what he should do.”

“I don’t know,” Chi replied. “I get nervous talking to people I don’t know. Maybe he won’t like us, or maybe he doesn’t like basketball.”

“How will we find out if we don’t ask him?” Fahim inquired. “Besides, wouldn’t you want someone to ask you to play if you were at a new school?”

“I guess you’re right,” Chi answered. “Let’s go over there, but as far as the talking is concerned, the ball’s in your court. I don’t know what to say.”

“That’s fine with me,” Fahim replied. “I’ll beat you over there.”

“I don’t think so,” Chi challenged as he raced quickly toward Carlito.

Chi ran faster and got to Carlito first. Fahim followed just about two steps behind Chi and said, “Carlito, Chi and I are going to join the kids playing basketball over there. Would you like to come play with all of us?”

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“Sure,” Carlito answered with a grin. “Thanks for asking! I love to play basketball. I thought about playing today, but I just wasn’t sure which team to join.”

“No problem,” Chi said. “We can help you with that because we know everyone over there. We need to run quickly, though, because recess will be over before you know it.”

The boys had a ton of fun playing basketball. All three of them ended up on the same team, and they discovered they played really well together.

The recess bell rang again.

As the boys raced to the school, Fahim said to Chi, “See, I told you we should talk to Carlito. He had fun at recess, and we made a good friend.”

“You’re right,” Chi replied, “I am glad we talked to him.”

“And when it comes to us beating the other team at basketball,” Fahim added, “three is much better than two!”

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Reading

- 1 This question has two parts. First, answer part A. Then, answer part B.

Part A

How does Fahim feel about asking Carlito to play?

- Ⓐ Fahim wants to ask Carlito to play because the team needs an extra player.
- Ⓑ Fahim doesn't want to ask Carlito to play, but he thinks it is the right thing to do.
- Ⓒ Fahim doesn't want to ask Carlito to play because he is shy around people he doesn't know.
- Ⓓ Fahim wants to ask Carlito to play because he knows how he would feel if he were new at school.

Part B

Which detail from the passage **best** supports the answer to part A?

- Ⓐ Fahim has never talked to Carlito before.
- Ⓑ Fahim is nervous about asking Carlito to play.
- Ⓒ Fahim says that three basketball players are better than two.
- Ⓓ Fahim asks Chi if he would want someone to ask him to play if he were new.

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2 Read the sentences from the passage.

“I guess you’re right,” Chi answered. “Let’s go over there, but as far as the talking is concerned, the ball’s in your court. I don’t know what to say.”

“That’s fine with me,” Fahim replied. “I’ll beat you over there.”

What does the phrase the ball’s in your court mean as it is used in the passage?

- Ⓐ Chi wants Fahim to go over to the new boy alone.
- Ⓑ Chi wants Fahim to play basketball with the new boy.
- Ⓒ Chi wants Fahim to be the one who talks to the new boy.
- Ⓓ Chi wants Fahim to change his mind about talking to the new boy.

3 How does Chi feel about talking to new people?

- Ⓐ nervous
- Ⓑ angry
- Ⓒ good
- Ⓓ silly

4 Mark the boxes to match each boy with his point of view.

	Fahim	Chi	Carlito
Loves to play basketball, but does not know which team to join			
Wants to include the new boy at recess			
Worries that the new boy will not like him			

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- 5 What **best** describes how Carlito feels about Fahim and Chi asking him to play basketball?
- Ⓐ grateful they asked him to play
 - Ⓑ happy to play by himself instead
 - Ⓒ sorry he didn't play freeze tag instead
 - Ⓓ angry because the boys didn't come over sooner
- 6 What lesson is the author trying to teach in the passage? Use details from the passage to support your answer.

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Writing

- 7 Choose the sentence that contains a spelling error.
- (A) Here are crayons.
 - (B) The rabbit has soft fur.
 - (C) There is a hole in my pocket.
 - (D) We played outside for an our.
- 8 Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- (A) “Will you please come to my party?” Mary asked.
 - (B) My teacher shouted, “I am very proud of you all!”
 - (C) My brother said, “I will be home late tonight.”
 - (D) “Did you do your homework,” Dad asked?
- 9 Which sentence is written incorrectly?
- (A) “Summer is the best season,” I told my friends.
 - (B) My friend said, “Thank you for the snacks.”
 - (C) “Stop, Rover!” I yelled to my dog.
 - (D) His dad said, “great job!”
- 10 Rosa is writing a story. Read what the characters say. Underline the sentence that is written incorrectly.
- “Will you play with me at recess?” Olivia asked.
- “Sure, what do you want to play?” Juana asked.
- “I was thinking we could play tag.” Olivia replied.
- Juana said, “Sounds great! You’re it.”