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CHANGE OF HEART

SUMMARY:



Change of Heart is a story about Prabhat, a boy who believes that winning is the only thing that matters in a game. He avoids playing games in which he might lose and even cheats to win a badminton match against Surya. However, he is surprised to see that Surya remains cheerful even after losing and continues to enjoy playing games. This makes Prabhat reflect on his own attitude. He gradually realises that games should be played for enjoyment, learning, and friendship rather than merely for victory. The story highlights the importance of sportsmanship, fair play, and a positive attitude towards success and failure.

WORD BANK:

Word	Meaning
Defeat	**loss**
On the contrary	**just the opposite**
Terrible	**unhappy**
Sensed	**had known**
Significant	**important**
Conducted	**organized**
Phenomenon	**someone who has special qualities**
Hopeless	**having no skill in something**
Kept a close watch on	**observed**

I Read the lines given below and answer the questions:

(a) If Prabhat sensed that he would lose a game, he would not play it. He would take part only when he was sure of winning, even if the game lasted only for a minute. You could not stop him from playing the kind of games he was good at, like badminton.



(i) Complete the sentence suitably.

Prabhat would play a game only if _____.

Ans. he was sure to win.

(ii) Which game was Prabhat good at playing?

Ans. Badminton

(iii) Select the most suitable option to complete the sentence.

This behavior of Prabhat tells us that he was _____.

(a) good at the game
(b) sure to win
Ans: (c) afraid of losing

(b) Surprisingly, Prabhat could not sleep well that night. He had won the game but he did not feel as happy as he usually did. What was surprising was that Surya did not feel bad about losing. What was more surprising was that Prabhat saw Surya playing basketball the next day.



(i) Select the option that tells us about the way Prabhat was feeling that night.
(a) hurt
Ans: (b) unhappy
(c) afraid
(d) focused

(ii) Why does Prabhat find Surya's behavior 'surprising'?
Ans. Prabhat finds Surya's behavior 'surprising' because Surya is just the opposite in behavior. For instance, Surya was joyful even after losing the game.
(iii) Fill in the blank by choosing the most suitable option given in the bracket.
We can say that Surya's reaction to not winning was _____ (similar to/as serious as/different from) Prabhat's.
Ans. We can say that Surya's reaction to not winning was different from Prabhat's.

II Answer the following questions:

1. How did Prabhat's attitude towards winning and losing affect his enjoyment of games in the beginning?
Ans. Prabhat's attitude towards winning and losing affected his enjoyment of games in the beginning because he could not think about losing even if it was a very simple game like marbles.

2. Why do you think Prabhat cheated in the beginning to win the badminton match against Surya?
Ans. Prabhat did so because he could not accept defeat, hence he cheated to win the badminton match against Surya. Also, if he had lost the game, he would have felt unhappy.

3. How did Surya's attitude differ from Prabhat's?
Ans. Surya's attitude differed from Prabhat's because he enjoyed every moment of the game while playing. He did not bother whether he would win or not. He was a very charming personality.

4. Do you think Prabhat's approach to games was healthy? Why or why not?
Ans. Prabhat's approach to games was not healthy, because winning and losing are a part of life.

5. Why do you think sporting spirit is important?
Ans. The Sportsman spirit is important as you should enjoy the game while playing and also concentrate on winning. Hence, a few times you might lose the game, if the opponent is strong. In such cases, you should not be jealous and work hard to win next time. You should always shake hands after the game to congratulate the winner.

6. Explain how the title of the story, 'Change of Heart', is suitable.
Ans. "Change of Heart" is a fitting title for this story because Prabhat changes his way of thinking. At first, he only cares about winning, but later he learns to enjoy playing games, no matter if he wins

or loses. This change in Prabhat's attitude is what the title "Change of Heart" means. It's like he had a change of mind, and now he sees things differently.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

1. What did Prabhat observe about Surya when he saw him playing basketball the following day?
Ans: Prabhat observed that Surya continued to enjoy playing basketball even after losing a game. This showed that Surya did not allow defeat to spoil his enjoyment of sports.

2. How did Prabhat's experience with Surya make him think differently about games?
Ans: Prabhat's experience made him realise that the happiness of playing a game was more important than the result. He began to understand that losing did not mean that a game was a failure.

3. What does Prabhat's experience teach us about the relationship between winning and happiness?
Ans: Prabhat's experience teaches us that winning does not always guarantee happiness. True enjoyment comes from participating wholeheartedly, learning from mistakes, and appreciating the experience.

4. What quality of Surya makes him a good example for other players?
Ans: Surya's positive attitude makes him a good example for other players. He enjoys participating in games and does not let the outcome affect his happiness.

5. Why can Prabhat's behaviour at the beginning of the story be considered unfair to other players?
Ans: Prabhat's behaviour can be considered unfair because he is more concerned about winning than playing honestly. His desire to win at any cost prevents him from respecting the rules and the efforts of other players.

6. What change in Prabhat's thinking would help him become a better teammate?
Ans: Prabhat should learn to value teamwork, honesty, and the enjoyment of playing together. He should encourage others, accept mistakes, and treat every player with respect.

7. Which is more valuable in a game: winning fairly or winning by cheating? Justify your answer using the lesson.
Ans: Winning fairly is more valuable because it gives a player genuine satisfaction and builds trust among teammates and opponents. The lesson shows that a victory achieved through cheating cannot provide the same happiness as playing honestly and enjoying the game.

