

Point of View: A Surprising Setback

Good readers use clues to determine the **point of view** of the text.

- A narrator can tell the story.
 - Key Words: he, she, it, they
 - Hint: the person telling the story is not in the story.
- A character can tell the story.
 - Key Words: I, me, we, us
 - Hint: the person telling the story is in the story.

Directions: Read the story below. Then answer the questions.

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“Tigers on three. 1 - 2 - 3!” Leo said.

“Tigers!” the teammates shouted. They each ran to their assigned positions on the field and the sidelines. Leo looked at the other team to see how they looked. He felt confident that the Tigers would score more goals.

Six minutes into the game, Leo gained control of the ball. He ran fast as he dribbled the ball down the field. When a defender from the other team came up to kick the ball away, Leo turned to the left. As he turned, he felt his ankle twist. The sharp pain made him cry out and fall to the ground.

Leo’s coach and the referee noticed that Leo was down. The coach rushed over to him to check out his ankle. Leo was in pain, and he needed help walking. He knew that he was not going to finish this game with his teammates.

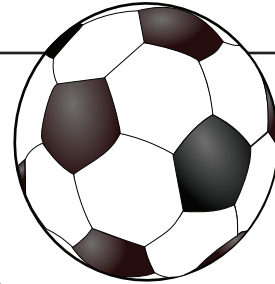
Leo’s parents took him to the doctor right away. The doctor examined Leo’s ankle and determined that it was sprained. While this was good news because the injury was not too serious, Leo was still disappointed.

Instead of complaining, Leo went home with his parents and followed the doctor’s orders. He climbed into bed, put his ankle up on some pillows, and iced it.

The doctor told Leo that he would not be able to practice or play in any games for a few weeks. It was important that he rested his ankle and regained strength by doing exercises. Even though he couldn’t play, Leo still supported his team. He attended each practice and game. It bothered him that he could not practice and play, but he felt better each day. He knew he would be back on the field in no time.

At his checkup, the doctor told Leo that he was ready to play again. Leo felt strong again, and he was excited to get back to practicing and playing with his team. As the team captain, he was ready to lead the team to victory.

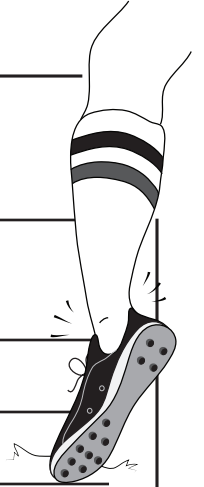
In the next game the Tigers played, Leo was back on the field. He scored two goals that game, and his team won. He felt proud, and his ankle felt pretty good, too!



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1. Who is telling the story?

How do you know?

2. What is Leo's opinion about having to rest his injured ankle?

3. Leo continues to support his team even though he is unable to practice and play in the games with them. Explain how you would feel in the same situation.

4. Rewrite a part of the story from the point of view of Leo's coach.
