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The Boy Who Never Lost

When a new student named Max joined Hillview School, it did not take long for everyone to notice something unusual. Max never lost. On his first day, he won a chess match against the school champion. The next morning, he came first in a maths quiz. At lunchtime, he somehow guessed the exact number of jellybeans in a jar. Soon, students were challenging Max to everything they could think of. Running races, card games, spelling competitions—Max won them all. At first, everyone thought he was amazing. But Sophie became suspicious. Before every competition, Max disappeared for a few minutes. He also carried a strange silver watch that he constantly checked. During a science quiz, Sophie watched him closely. The teacher asked a difficult question. Max looked confused. Then he pressed a button on his watch. For just a second, everything seemed strange. The classroom clock jumped backwards. Sophie's pencil rolled back into her hand, and the teacher repeated the exact same question. This time, Max answered correctly. After school, Sophie followed him behind the gym. Max was staring at his watch when she stepped around the corner. He quickly hid it behind his back. Sophie smiled. Suddenly, all those victories made sense. The next morning, Max arrived at school without his silver watch. For the first time since arriving at Hillview, he lost a game of chess. Strangely, he didn't seem disappointed.

WIN!



1. What was unusual about Max?

2. What did Sophie notice Max doing before competitions?

3. What can you infer the silver watch could do?

4. How was Max able to win so many competitions?

5. Why do you think Max was not disappointed when he finally lost?



Answers

1. Max never seemed to lose any competition or game.
2. He disappeared for a few minutes and often checked his silver watch.
3. The watch could turn back time.
4. He used the watch to go back in time and try again when he did not know an answer or was going to lose.
5. He may have realised that winning fairly was more enjoyable than always using the watch to win.