Winning Isn't Everything

There were three best friends named Mila, Jake, and Ted. They loved to play together at the park, at school and after school. One day, they decided to have a race around the park. They marked off a big course with cones and made a finish line with a string. They practiced running the course a few times and then decided it was time for the big race. Mila was the fastest runner, Jake was the strongest climber, and Ted was the best at jumping over obstacles. They each had their own strengths and they each thought they could win the race. The race began and they were all off, running as fast as they could. Mila was in the lead, but Jake and Ted were close behind her. They had to jump over a big puddle, climb a hill, and run through a tunnel. As they were running, they saw a group of kids sitting on the sidelines who were cheering them on. Finally, they reached the finish line, and they were all tied! They realized that working together made the race more fun and exciting. They all cheered and hugged each other. From that day on, they remembered that winning wasn't everything, and that helping others was what truly mattered. Mila, Jake and Ted are still great friends.

- 1. Read the passage about winning isn't everything.
- 2. Underline each word that you could not read.
- 3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
- 4. Answer the questions.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. Mila, Jake and Ted are:
- a. part of a family
- b. go to school together
- c. best friends
- 2. Where did they decide to race?
- a. in their backyard
- b. at school
- c. around the park
- 3. Who was the fastest runner?
- a. Jake
- b. Ted
- c. Mila
- 4. They ran:
- a. over a bridge, down a hill and around a tunnel
- b. over a pond, down a hill and through a tunnel
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- 5. Who won the race?
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