



### **Unseen #3 – The Soccer Match**

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Shalom, my name is Eitan, and I'm a member of the Herzliya High School soccer team. Our team is known for its skill and teamwork, and we were excited about the upcoming championship match against our rivals from Netanya. Our star player, Yossi, was in excellent form, and we were confident about our chances.

However, just days before the match, Yossi sprained his ankle during practice. The team was devastated. Our coach, Mr. Levy, had to make quick adjustments. He decided that I would take Yossi's position as the striker. I was both honored and nervous.

I noticed that my friend, Amir, was acting distant. He had hoped to be the one to replace Yossi. Feeling a mix of guilt and confusion, I decided to talk to him. Amir confessed that he was disappointed but was practicing extra hard to support the team in any way he could. I was relieved and inspired by his dedication.

The day of the match arrived. We played our hearts out and, to everyone's surprise, won the championship! Amir's extra practice paid off as he scored the winning goal. Our friendship became stronger, and we learned the value of resilience and open communication.



**Questions:**

1. What do Eitan and Amir enjoy doing together?

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2. Who is Yossi?

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3. Why was Eitan feeling a mix of guilt and confusion?

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4. What had Amir been doing without informing Eitan?

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5. What could Eitan have done differently? Offer some suggestions.

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6. In your opinion, is Amir a good friend?

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**Answers:**

1. Eitan and Amir enjoy playing soccer together on the Herzliya High School team.

*Mentioned in the first paragraph.*

2. Yossi is the star player of the Herzliya High School soccer team.

*Mentioned in the first paragraph.*

3. Eitan was feeling a mix of guilt and confusion because he was chosen to replace Yossi, and he noticed that Amir, who had hoped for the same opportunity, was acting distant.

*Mentioned in the second and third paragraphs.*

4. Amir had been practicing extra hard to support the team in any way he could.

*Revealed in the third paragraph.*

5. Eitan could have communicated with Amir earlier to understand his feelings and perhaps find a way to support each other better.

*Implied in the story; Eitan eventually talks to Amir but could have done so sooner.*

6. In my opinion, Amir is a good friend because he put the team's needs above his own disappointment and contributed to the team's success.

*Amir's actions and the team's success are highlighted in the fourth paragraph.*