

New Elementary 3
Unit 5 Reading
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A Coach's Speech

coach = the manager and the top trainer of a sports team

speech = lecture

give a speech = make a speech, give a lecture

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soccer (American) = **football** (British)

champion = number 1 in sports

championship = becoming or being a champion

lose ⇒ lost

lose = fail to win; be defeated ⇒ lose ≠ win

lose = not be able to keep something or get something ⇒ lose ≠ gain

- **because of** = due to; owing to ⇒ *Jack failed the exam because of his laziness.*
- **because** = for the reason that ⇒ *Jack failed the exam because he was lazy.*

unhappy = sad

treat = behave toward

In his speech he told us about his own high school soccer team. The score was tied. He made a big mistake, and the other team scored the winning goal. He never wanted to play again. But his team's captain spoke up. He said, "Al played well. He was just unlucky."

The score was tied = The scores of the two teams were the same.

make a mistake = err = be wrong or do something wrong

score (n.) = point

score (v.) = gain a point

score a goal = gain a score by passing the ball through the goal

the winning goal = the goal that makes you win a game

speak up = to speak loudly to defend somebody or something

speak ⇒ spoke

just = only

unlucky = unfortunate ≠ lucky

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sincerely = honestly

remind = help sb remember sth

then = after that

sense of humor = the ability to tell jokes and make people laugh

better ≠ worse

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