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Leonard de Leon played lots of video games on his computer: soccer, karate, tennis. He was good at all of the sports, but he was especially good at computer basketball.

Leonardo de León jugaba un montón de juegos de video en su computadora: fútbol, kárate, tenis. Era bueno en todos los deportes, pero era especialmente bueno jugando baloncesto en la computadora.



He was very proud of all his many athletic cyber-achievements. "I finally won the online championship! I've had such a fun day."

Estaba muy orgulloso de todos sus logros en atletismo cibernético. "¡Finalmente gané el campeonato en línea! He tenido un día muy divertido".



One weekend, Leonard's friends came over to see if he wanted to join in a friendly tennis match. "Come to the tennis courts, Leonard," said Mary La Mariposa. "It will be fun!"

"Tennis? Sure, Mary!" roared Leonard confidently. "I have the highest score in my video game league!"

Un fin de semana, los amigos de Leonardo lo visitaron para preguntarle si quería participar en un amistoso partido de tenis. "Ven a las canchas de tenis, Leonardo" dijo María La Mariposa. "¡Será divertido!"

"¿Tenis? ¡Seguro que sí, María!", rugió Leonardo con confianza. "¡Yo tengo el puntaje más alto en mi liga de juegos de video!"



However, after only five minutes of warm ups, Leonard was already tired. "I'm so thirsty!" he said, trying to catch his breath.

Sin embargo, después de sólo cinco minutos de calentamientos Leonardo ya estaba cansado. "¡Tengo tanta sed!" dijo él, tratando de recuperar su aliento.



Leonard sat down to drink an orange soda. Christina Cabral joined him on the bench and said, “Leonard, you may want to consider drinking water next time. Sugary sodas are not good for your health.”

Leonardo se sentó para beber un refresco de naranja. Cristina Cabral lo acompañó en la banca y le dijo, “Leonardo, deberías considerar tomar agua la próxima vez. Los refrescos azucarados no son buenos para tu salud”.



During the next break, Gabriel Gallo began talking about the new karate class he recently joined. “It’s great exercise, almost as good as tennis,” he said.

Durante el próximo descanso, Gabriel Gallo comenzó a hablar acerca de una nueva clase de kárate a la cual se unió recientemente. “Es un gran ejercicio, casi tan bueno como el tenis”, dijo Gabriel.



“You’re in a karate class? I have the highest score on my Kangaroo Karate video game,” Leonard proudly exclaimed. “I’d love to visit your class.”

“Of course you can come to karate class, Leonard! Yolanda Llamas and I usually arrive at 7 o’clock.”

“¿Tú estás en una clase de kárate? Tengo el puntaje más alto en mi juego de video, Canguro Kárate”, Leonardo exclamó con orgullo. “Me encantaría visitar tu clase”.

“¡Claro que puedes venir a la clase de kárate, Leonardo! Yolanda Llamas y yo usualmente llegamos a las siete en punto”.



That night, Leonard met his friends for karate, and he was excited to show Yolanda and Gabriel his awesome moves. But something was terribly wrong! Leonard had a lot of trouble with the high kicks and spins.

Esa noche Leonardo se reunió con sus amigos en el kárate, y estaba emocionado por mostrarle a Yolanda y a Gabriel sus movimientos impresionantes. ¡Pero algo estaba terriblemente mal! Leonardo tuvo muchos problemas con las patadas altas y giros.



“I don’t understand,” Leonard said. “In my video game, I have the highest karate kick and the best karate chop.” Leonard was discouraged, so he sat down to eat his chocolate candy bar.

“No entiendo”, dijo Leonardo. “En mi juego de video tengo la patada de kárate más alta y el mejor golpe de kárate.” Leonardo estaba desanimado, así que se sentó a comer su barra de chocolate.



Yolanda decided to encourage Leonard. She sat beside him and said, “Leonard, if you exercise regularly and eat healthy foods, your body will have enough energy to do anything you want. In fact, we will be glad to help you.”

Yolanda decidió animar a Leonardo. Se sentó a su lado y le dijo, “Leonardo, si haces ejercicios regularmente y comes alimentos saludables, tu cuerpo tendrá suficiente energía para hacer cualquier cosa. De hecho, nos encantaría de ayudarte”.



Leonard thought exercising would be more boring than playing his video games, but playing sports in real life was fun! He loved riding his bike and jumping on the trampoline with friends. The exercise made both his body and his heart much stronger.

Leonardo pensó que hacer ejercicios sería más aburrido que jugar sus juegos de video, pero jugar deportes en la vida real era divertido! Le encantaba montar su bicicleta y saltar en el trampolín con sus amigos. El ejercicio fortalecía su cuerpo y su corazón.



When he wanted a snack,
Leonard chose to eat fruit with
yogurt rather than candy bars.
Instead of soda, he drank water.

Cuando quiso una merienda,
Leonardo escogió comer fruta
con yogurt en vez de barras de
dulce. En lugar de soda, bebió
agua.



Every afternoon, Leonard had enough energy to practice basketball with Violet Velascow.

Todas las tardes, Leonardo tenía suficiente energía para practicar baloncesto con Violeta Velascow.



Leonard was now playing lots of games outside: soccer, karate, tennis. He was good at all of the sports, but he was especially good at basketball.

Leonardo ahora jugaba muchos juegos afuera: fútbol, kárate, tenis. Era bueno en todos los deportes, pero especialmente en el baloncesto.



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