

Tennis Club Tension



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- 1 Write an adjective to describe the tone of the words spoken by the characters in the story. An example is done for you.

- a "Can't that driver read the 'Reserved' sign?" asked Mum. Frustrated
- b "The parking here is chaotic!" snapped the man. "If there were half as many parking spaces, but people *paid* to use them, you wouldn't *need* to fundraise!" _____
- c "You can do better than that!" called Mr Sewell. _____
- d "My tennis gear bag!" Jake said to Ms Lei. "It's gone! Someone's taken it!" _____
- e "Very well," she said finally. "We *will* give you a second chance, Lucas, but nothing like this must ever happen again." _____

- 2 A speech tag is a word such as *said*, *replied* or *asked*, that is attached to dialogue in a story. Add appropriate speech tags to these lines from story. There can be more than one correct answer.

- a "To be honest, I don't like the look of the foundations of this building," she _____.
- b "What do you mean, there's no *professional* coach here this afternoon?" the man _____.
- c "Where's the money to strengthen the clubhouse's foundations coming from?" _____ Mr Sewell.
- d "Game, set and match!" _____ Mr Peters at last.
- e Dad saw the horrified look on Jake's face. "What's the matter?" he _____.
- f "The *Sewell's Digital Tennis Club*!" _____ Jake, as an uncomfortable mutter went around the room.

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1 Answer these questions about the story, expressing your own opinions.

a Why do you think Mr Sewell was so determined to take over the tennis club?

b Do you think Dad was right to nominate Mr Sewell to be a member of the fundraising committee? Why/Why not?

c Do you think Jake will make sure he drinks enough water on the tennis court in future? Why/Why not?

d What else could the club have done to raise the money for the necessary repairs?

e Why didn't some of the people at the club like the idea of having a sponsor's name on their tennis courts?

2 Insert the missing character names in these sentences from the story.

Mr Ansari Ms Lei Jake Lucas Mr Sewell Diego Fonseca

- a "We don't have a professional coach here today, _____," said _____. "But some of our senior players will be coaching, and your son is welcome to join a group. There's no charge."
- b _____ threw a ball into the air and served it. He and _____ hit the ball back and forwards against the wall.
- c "All the best for the play-offs this afternoon," said their teacher, _____, as everyone filed out the door.
- d "I hope you don't mind my calling round like this," said _____. He looked at _____ and gave him a smile.