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Calm Collaboration

Directions: Read the passage below carefully. Then answer the multiple-choice and short-answer questions that follow.

Patience Pays Off

Alex groaned when he was assigned to a group project in science class. He liked working alone because he could finish things quickly. His partners, Zoe and Jordan, liked to talk through every detail before making decisions. At first, Alex got frustrated. He wanted to move faster and just get it done.

After a few meetings, Alex noticed something. The group's plan was actually turning out better because of the extra discussion. Zoe's careful notes and Jordan's creative ideas made the project stronger. Alex learned to take deep breaths and listen instead of interrupting. When they presented their finished project, their teacher praised their teamwork and effort. Alex realized that waiting and cooperating had made the whole group successful.

1. Why did Alex feel frustrated at the beginning of the project?
 - A. His group did not like him
 - B. His group worked slower than he wanted
 - C. The topic was too hard
 - D. He did not like science
2. What did Zoe and Jordan do that helped the group?
 - A. They argued with Alex
 - B. They ignored his ideas
 - C. They took notes and shared creative ideas
 - D. They let Alex do all the work
3. What helped Alex stay patient during the project?
 - A. He stopped attending group meetings
 - B. He did all the work himself
 - C. He asked to switch partners
 - D. He took deep breaths and listened
4. What did Alex learn at the end?
 - A. Teamwork takes time but leads to success
 - B. It is better to work alone
 - C. The project was not important
 - D. Talking slows things down too much

Short-Answer Questions

1. Describe one thing Alex did that showed he was becoming more patient.
2. Why do you think patience helped the group succeed?
3. How can you show patience when working on a group task in school?