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Playground Mix-Up

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Then answer the questions that follow about body language, facial expressions, and tone.

During recess, Mia saw her friend Leo talking to another student near the swings. Leo had his arms crossed and was frowning. Mia thought he was mad at her because she didn't help him in class earlier. When she walked over, Leo turned quickly and looked surprised. His eyes widened, and he said, "Oh! I didn't see you there!" Mia noticed his shoulders relax, and he smiled. He explained that he was upset about losing his favorite pencil, not mad at her. Mia laughed in relief, and they both went to play kickball together.

1. How did Mia first think Leo was feeling?

2. What body language made Mia think Leo was upset?

3. How did Leo's facial expression change when he saw Mia?

4. What words and actions showed that Leo was not angry at Mia?

5. What lesson can we learn about reading other people's body language?
