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River Reflections

Directions: Read the passage carefully. Answer each question using **complete sentences**. Be sure to explain **why** or **how** something happens, not just what happens. Use evidence from the text to support your answers.

The River's Secret

Jamal loved fishing by the quiet river that ran past his town. One summer, he noticed the water level dropping lower each week. Curious, he asked his grandfather, who explained that a new factory upstream had been using large amounts of water. Jamal felt frustrated because the fish he usually caught were disappearing. Instead of giving up, he researched ways communities could protect rivers. He spoke at a town meeting, sharing his concerns and ideas. Soon, other neighbors supported him, writing letters and asking officials to investigate the factory. Months later, the town set rules to limit the factory's water use, and slowly the river began to recover.

1. Why did Jamal feel frustrated about the river?
2. How did Jamal's actions show that he cared about his community?
3. Why do you think the neighbors supported Jamal's ideas?
4. How did the town's new rules help the river?
5. Why is it important for young people like Jamal to speak up about problems?