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Think Before You Send

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

The Text That Changed Everything

Jordan was part of a group project for his senior class. Late one night, he sent a message to the group chat that read, "Guess who didn't finish their part again." He meant it as a joke about himself, but he didn't include any smiley faces or context. The next morning, one of his teammates, Maya, thought Jordan was talking about her. Feeling embarrassed and hurt, she told their teacher that she didn't want to work in the group anymore.

When Jordan found out, he was shocked. He tried to explain that the message had been misunderstood, but the damage was done. The group had already split into separate pairs, and everyone felt awkward around each other. Later, Jordan realized that online messages can sound very different from what you mean, especially when you don't include tone or explanation. He learned to slow down before hitting "send" and to choose his words carefully, especially when emotions are involved. A single message, he discovered, can affect more than just a screen-it can change relationships.

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1. Why did Maya feel upset after reading Jordan's message?
 - A. She thought Jordan was joking about himself.
 - B. She believed Jordan was criticizing her.
 - C. She wanted to leave the group anyway.
 - D. She didn't understand the joke.
2. What mistake did Jordan make when sending his message?
 - A. He used too many emojis.
 - B. He sent it to the wrong person.
 - C. He didn't make his tone clear.
 - D. He ignored the teacher's directions.
3. What consequence did Jordan face because of his message?
 - A. He was removed from the group project.
 - B. The group had to split up.
 - C. He lost his phone privileges.
 - D. The teacher made him apologize publicly.
4. What lesson did Jordan learn from this experience?
 - A. It's better to text quickly before forgetting.
 - B. Online tone doesn't matter if you know the person well.
 - C. It's important to think about how your words might sound.
 - D. You should never send messages late at night.



Reflection Questions

1. How could Jordan have prevented the misunderstanding?

2. Why is tone hard to understand in text messages?

3. Have you ever seen a message get misunderstood online? What could have been done differently?

