

THE CHESS ADVENTURE



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Once upon a time, in a small town, there were two best friends named Jack and Emily. They both loved playing **chess** (*ajedrez*). Every day after school, they would meet at the park and play for hours.

One sunny afternoon, while they were playing, they saw a poster for a big **chess tournament** (*torneo de ajedrez*). The tournament was happening in their town in just two weeks! Jack and Emily were very excited.



They decided to **train** (*entrenar*) every day to get ready for the competition.

Jack's **grandfather** (*abuelo*) was very good at chess. He taught Jack and Emily many new **strategies** (*estrategias*) to help them improve their game. Emily learned how to **protect** (*proteger*) her **pieces** (*piezas*) better, and Jack learned how to plan his **moves** (*movimientos*) ahead of time.

The day of the tournament finally arrived. The room was full of other kids who loved chess too. Jack and Emily were a little nervous, but they remembered all the training they had done.

Emily's first **opponent** (*oponente*) was a boy named Max. He was very **focused** (*concentrado*) and played very well. But Emily stayed calm and used the strategies she had learned. She won the game!



Jack's first game was against a girl named Lisa. She was very **fast** (*rápida*) and made quick moves. Jack took his time and thought carefully about each move. He also won his game!

Both Jack and Emily kept winning their games. Finally, it was time for the **final** (final) match. To their surprise, they had to play against each other! They

smiled at each other and wished each other good luck.

The final game was very **intense** (*intenso*). Both of them played their best. In the end, Emily made a brilliant move and won the game. Jack was happy for her and gave her a big hug. They were both proud of how far they had come.

The judge gave Emily a beautiful **trophy** (*trofeo*) and Jack got a special medal. They were both very happy



and promised to keep playing and improving their chess skills.

From that day on, Jack and Emily became even better friends. They continued to play chess every day, always learning and having fun together.

And so, Jack and Emily showed everyone that with hard work and practice, you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

The end.

Vocabulary Exercises

Exercise 1: Match the Words with Their Translations

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| 1. Chess | a. trofeo |
| 2. Tournament | b. oponente |
| 3. Train | c. abuelo |
| 4. Grandfather | d. rápido |
| 5. Strategies | e. concentrado |
| 6. Protect | f. torneo |
| 7. Pieces | g. piezas |
| 8. Moves | h. ajedrez |
| 9. Opponent | i. proteger |
| 10. Focused | j. movimientos |
| 11. Fast | k. estrategias |
| 12. Final | l. final |
| 13. Intense | m. intenso |
| 14. Trophy | n. entrenar |

Exercise 2: Fill in the Blanks

1. Jack and Emily loved playing _____.
2. They decided to _____ every day to get ready for the competition.
3. Jack's _____ was very good at chess.
4. Emily learned new _____ to improve her game.
5. The tournament was very _____ for both of them.
6. Emily's first _____ was a boy named Max.
7. The judge gave Emily a beautiful _____.

Comprehension Exercises

Exercise 1: True or False

1. Jack and Emily played chess only on weekends.
2. The tournament was happening in their town in just two weeks.
3. Jack's mother taught them new strategies.
4. Emily won her first game against Max.
5. Jack and Emily both lost their first games.
6. Emily won the final match against Jack.
7. Jack got a special medal at the end.

Exercise 2: Multiple Choice

1. Where did Jack and Emily meet to play chess every day?
 - a. At school
 - b. At the park
 - c. At Jack's house

2. Who was Emily's first opponent in the tournament?
 - a. Lisa
 - b. Max
 - c. Jack
3. What did Jack learn from his grandfather?
 - a. How to play soccer
 - b. How to plan his moves ahead of time
 - c. How to cook
4. How did Jack and Emily feel on the day of the tournament?
 - a. Excited but nervous
 - b. Scared
 - c. Bored
5. What did Emily receive for winning the tournament?
 - a. A new chessboard
 - b. A beautiful trophy
 - c. A book

Exercise 3: Short Answer

1. How did Emily improve her game?
2. Why did Jack and Emily decide to train every day?
3. Describe the final match between Jack and Emily.
4. What did the judge give to Jack?
5. How did Jack and Emily feel about each other after the tournament?

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Vocabulary Exercises

Exercise 1:

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| 1. - h. ajedrez | 8. - j. movimientos |
| 2. - f. torneo | 9. - b. oponent |
| 3. - n. entrenar | 10. - e. concentrado |
| 4. - c. abuelo | 11. - d. rápido |
| 5. - k. estrategias | 12. - l. final |
| 6. - i. Proteger | 13. - m. intenso |
| 7. - g. piezas | 14. - a. trofeo |

Exercise 2:

1. chess.
2. train
3. grandfather
4. strategies
5. intense
6. opponent
7. trophy.

Comprehension Exercises

Exercise 1:

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. False
6. True
7. True

Exercise 2:

1. b. At the park
2. b. Max
3. b. How to plan his moves ahead of time
4. a. Excited but nervous
5. b. A beautiful trophy

Exercise 3: Short Answer

1. Emily improved her game by learning new strategies from Jack's grandfather and learning how to protect her pieces better.
2. Jack and Emily decided to train every day to get ready for the chess tournament happening in their town in two weeks.
3. The final match between Jack and Emily was very intense. Both played their best, but Emily made a brilliant move and won the game.
4. The judge gave Jack a special medal.
5. After the tournament, Jack and Emily felt even better about each other and became closer friends. They continued to play chess every day, always learning and having fun together.