

The Big Race

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

Name: _____

Date: _____

Tom had been practicing for the school race for weeks. On race day, he felt nervous but ready. When the whistle blew, all the runners took off. Tom started near the back of the group. He remembered what his coach said: keep a steady pace and never give up. Little by little, Tom passed the other runners. In the final stretch, he ran as fast as he could and crossed the finish line in second place. Tom did not win first, but he was proud because he had done his very best.

1. How long had Tom been practicing?

- ☐ A. For weeks
- ☐ B. For one day
- ☐ C. For a year

2. What did his coach tell him?

- ☐ A. Run and then rest
- ☐ B. Keep a steady pace and never give up
- ☐ C. Start in the front

3. What place did Tom finish in?

- ☐ A. First
- ☐ B. Second
- ☐ C. Third

4. Why was Tom proud even though he did not win first?

Answer Key

1. A. For weeks
2. B. Keep a steady pace and never give up
3. B. Second
4. (Sample) Because he did his very best.