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"Ella Reconsiders":

The summer was coming, and Ella's Dad wanted to sign her up for tee-ball. "What do you say, Honey?" he asked. "How about playing Big Boppers with your brother this year?"



Ella's brother Sean had been playing tee-ball for two years. After this year, he will move up to the actual tee-ball league. Big Boppers was tee-ball, but it was played with an oversized bat and a really soft ball so kids wouldn't get hurt. Ella thought it looked kind of silly.

"I don't think so," she said. "I just want to play with Tricia this summer and practice my dance." Tricia was Ella's neighbor and they played Barbies almost every day after school. That sounded way more fun than playing tee-ball.

"It's good to try new things," he father said. "You need a variety of experiences to decide what you really like to do. How can you know what you like if you don't try new things?"

"Maybe," Ella said, still not convinced. "Can I think about it?"

"Sure," her Dad responded. "But I have to sign you up by next week, so be sure to let me know." Ella was pretty sure she already knew her answer.

The next day after school, Tricia came over as usual. "Guess what?" she said to Ella. "My Dad is signing me up for tee-ball this summer. You should play too. Maybe we can be on the same team."

"Really?" Ella said. "My Dad wants me to play too, but I didn't think I wanted to."

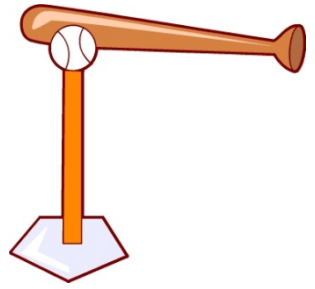
"Now you should," Tricia said. "Please! We will have so much fun."

Ella told her Dad at supper that she had changed her mind about joining tee-ball. "What caused you to change?" he asked.

"Oh, nothing..." Ella replied, her fingers crossed behind her back. "I just thought it over is all." Her Dad was very happy.

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"Ella Reconsiders" Questions:



1. What did Ella's Dad want her to do over the summer?

2. What was the difference between Big Boppers and regular tee-ball?

3. What did Ella want to do over the summer instead of playing tee-ball?

4. Who convinces Ella to play tee-ball?

5. What reason did Ella give her Dad for changing her mind?

Bonus Question:

1. What did Ella's Dad mean when he said, "You need a variety of experiences to decide what you really like to do?"
