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Read the following passage and answer the questions below.

### The Football Team

Have you ever been a part of a team? A team is a group of people who are working towards the same goal. A football team has two goals. One of their goals is to win games, and the other goal is to build character. Character is what a person is made up of on the inside. It is how a person relates to others. One of the reasons that schools have sports teams is to help build good values.

There are many character traits that are developed through being on a football team. One of those traits is leadership. The quarterback is the leader of the team, because he makes important decisions for the team. The quarterback has to inspire the rest of the team to work together. That is what it means to be a leader.

There is also a defensive leader. When the defense is playing, their leader helps inspire them to make big plays and work together as a team. Keeping the other team from scoring is a big job, so it's important for the defense to work hard.

Working together as a team means cooperating with each other and making good decisions. It also means encouraging others on the team when they are not having a good game or practice. If one teammate is not working hard or following the rules, the entire team will suffer.

Whether a football team wins or loses, it is important to congratulate the other team after the game. That is called sportsmanship, and it is also a character trait. Being on a team teaches good sportsmanship, and that will help in other areas of life as well.

Learning to work together and support teammates are important values to have. Being a good teammate doesn't have to mean just on the playing field, it can also mean at home with family members, in the classroom with fellow students or in the workplace. This is one reason schools continue to make sports teams available to students when they are young.

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## Question Sheet



1. What is the main idea of this passage?
2. Underline 5 statements in the passage that support your answer.
3. What can people learn from playing a sport that will help them in other parts of their lives?