

Rewrite this essay so that there is no direct (quoted) speech. All punctuation, sentence structure, pronouns, verb tenses and verb forms should be correct for indirect speech. In addition, it should be clear to the reader who is saying what.

Winners and Losers

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People sometimes lose and yet this doesn't mean that the person is a loser. What is more important is that he puts effort into what he is doing.

My parents, for example, always tell me to try my best in everything I do. They also tell me that it is all right if you don't win, just as long as I put effort into whatever I am doing.

I remember when I was sixteen, I competed in a competition that required me to play the piano in front of an audience. I was nervous. I hadn't played the piano for a long time and I was scared that I am going to mess up. I ended up losing the competition because I had messed up in one of the notes. I was so sad but my parents comforted me, telling me that I did very well. I said that I am not pleased with my performance because the night before I had done pretty well. They said that I did well enough and that I shouldn't be sad anymore.

The next day, to make me feel better, they bought me a new outfit. I, however, told them that I wouldn't accept their gift because I only accepted gifts from my parents when I did well in something. My mom said that you did well enough and you tried your best so you deserve this present.

Then she told me that I don't have to win to prove that I'm good at something. She said that all I have to do is to put effort into what I do.

There are times when a person cannot win; however, at these times, the person may still be a winner for having tried his best.

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