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Team Loyalty vs Player Loyalty

An activity of "When a Star Player Changes Teams, Fans Follow".

Read the article, "When a Star Player Changes Teams, Fans Follow" (page 25, *What's Up* February 2025). In sports, fandom usually means loyalty to a team or a player. Some fans support a team no matter what. They celebrate the team's victories and stay loyal even when they lose. Other fans follow specific players. They admire their skills, achievements, and personalities, no matter which team they play for.

1. Which of the following statements do you agree with more? Why? Share your thoughts with a partner.

"A true fan stays loyal to their team, no matter what!"

□ "Players make the game. I'll follow my favourite athlete anywhere!"

2. The following is a fictional letter written by a sports fan asking for advice from a friend. Alex is undecided about whether to stay loyal to a team or follow his favourite player. He is asking Sam for advice.

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	Dear Sam.
	I need your advice! I've been a huge fan of Tampines Thunderbirds for the longest time. My family has always supported them. We have collected so many of their keepsakes and memorabilia over the years and we seldom miss a match at Our Tampines Hub. But now. I have a big dilemma
	My all-time favourite player Sofia Tan has just left the Tampines Thunderbirds to join Vivo City Hawks. our longtime rival team! I have admired Sofia for years. Her speed. skill and leadership on the soccer field inspire me so much. I even have her autograph on my soccer ball.
	On one hand. I feel like I should carry on supporting the Thunderbirds as they have been my team since I was in Primary 3. Yet another part of me wants to follow Sofia to the Hawks because she is why I love watching soccer in the first place.
	What do you think I should do? Should I continue to support my team or follow my favourite player? I look forward to hearing your advice!
	Sincerely. Alex

- 2a) After reading the letter, choose one side either convince Alex to stay with the Tampines Thunderbirds or follow Sophia Tan to the Vivo City Hawks. Write a letter to Alex, using persuasive arguments and examples to support your point of view. Here are some guidelines to consider:
 - Have a clear opinion.
 - Use strong supporting reasons with examples. Give at least two reasons, with supporting examples, from real sports situations or your own personal experiences.
 - Address the other side of the argument. Show that you understand the other side but explain why your stand is better.
 - Use persuasive language to be convincing and to connect with the reader. For example, use words like "surely", "definitely", "the best choice", "I believe".
 - Conclude by giving a strong final statement and advise Alex what to do.

Dear Alex.
Sincerely. Sam
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