

Read the vocabulary story below. Complete the activities after reading the story.

I was so upset at the events of my championship tennis match. It was so unfair when the dainty little girl came onto the court. I thought it would be a piece of cake beating her! Boy did she take me by surprise. She definitely used her small frame to her advantage. She was like a secret agent working undercover. I could hardly believe that I might actually lose this match. Not only was I thrown off by my opponent, I was beginning to lose my patience. I had better take a few deep breaths before I lose my cool and snatch the ball from her powerful serve. After taking a few deep breaths, I felt better, however, I was too late to make a come back. Although I was full of sorrow after losing the match, I learned a valuable lesson!

Activities:

1. Circle all of the vocabulary words.
2. Name a synonym and an antonym for the word sorrow.
3. What is the meaning of the word dainty? What context clues in the story led you to believe that?
4. There are 3 examples of figurative language in the passage above. Find them and underline.
5. Which vocabulary word fits into the sentence below?

Colt lost his _____ when he could not fix the broken table.

6. What lesson or theme did the narrator in the story learn?