Agony of Defeat

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A. Conversation Questions

With your partner(s), use the questions below as prompts for conversation. Feel free to expand the conversation by going off-topic and talking about other things. When you feel a lull in the conversation, choose a new conversation question. You do not have to answer all the questions, nor do you need to answer them in order.

1. Have you ever entered into a competition or tournament?
2. What do you think of the Olympic tradition of awarding medals to the top three finishers?
3. What do you think of coach Herdman throwing his team's silver medal into the crowd?
4. Do you know any sore losers? Describe one of them.
5. Have you ever experienced the agony of defeat?
6. Have you ever won top place in a competition?
7. Have you ever come in second place? How did it feel?
8. Have you ever received compensation for a loss?
9. Do you agree with the idiom *time heals all wounds*?
10. Talk about a goal that you currently are working towards. What do you think will lead you to success?

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B. Vocab Conversation Questions

Discuss the following questions with your partner. In your answer, try to use the highlighted word phrase as many times as possible. When your partner is speaking, count the number of times that he or she is able to use the highlighted phrase.

The purpose is to repeat the vocabulary terms as many times as possible. In this way, you will more deeply embed the term into your personal vocabulary bank and will be much more likely to use it in a future conversation.

1. Have you ever experienced a **bitter** loss?
2. Has anyone ever treated you in a **spiteful** way?
3. Have you ever been a **sore loser**?
4. What makes you feel **contempt**?
5. Have you ever experienced **agony**?
6. How can we **transcend** suffering?
7. Do you think that monetary **compensation** has value in the loss of a loved one?