



LITERACY ACTIVITY

The perfect hockey player



Read the following attributes of a great hockey player.

Name one player from your community who is a talented hockey player, and write the attributes he/she showed during the hockey tournaments in your community.

Hockey Sense—makes the correct play 9 times out of 10. A step ahead of the play, rarely caught out of position or off guard. Born to play hockey. (i.e. Wayne Gretzky)

Skill—Skill is as that player that makes all aspects of the game look effortless. Makes plays at top speeds, shows creativity with the puck, and has an endless supply of moves. (i.e. Mario Lemieux)

Strength—Strength is not to be confused with size. This is the player that wins loose puck battles. Controls the puck with players draped all over him. (i.e. Peter Forsberg)

"Heart"/Leadership—This last attribute is more intangible than the other 9. But we as hockey fans use these two terms often to describe that player that just seems to get the job done out on the ice. This is the type of player loyal to his organization and teammates. Always seems to be the best player on the ice when the game really matters.

Skating Quite simply the most important attribute required to play in the NHL and even more important to be a superstar in the league.

Shooting—second most important attribute to make the bigs. Now for the sake of this exercise, the player that possesses the best overall shooting skills will represent this attribute. (Slap shot, Wrist shot & Snapshot).

Stick-handling/Puck Control—The art of controlling the puck.

"Hands"—The ability to control the puck, receive difficult passes, roof loose pucks, in and around the crease.

Passing/Play-making - Perfect timing and precision distributing the puck

On-Ice Vision—Ability to see the playing surface in a way that allows for plays that other players would not see. Anticipating the developing play.



Now that you read the attributes that make a perfect hockey player, name one player from your community who you consider is the best.

Complete the chart, naming the attributes they have and create a description.

Don't forget to use transition words (first, second, after, then, finally)

Example

Name: Marcus

Community: Eastmain

Attributes: On ice vision, stick control, leadership, skating, shooting.

Team: Eastmain Thunder

Description:

Marcus is 10 years old; he lives in Eastmain and plays for the Eastmain Thunder Team. Marcus usually plays defense, but he can play in different positions. I believe Marcus is an amazing player because he has all the attributes of a great hockey player.

First, he has excellent on ice vision, he anticipates and sees what some other players cannot which makes it easy for Marcus to move in the right direction.

Marcus **also** is great at skating. He can skate backwards, he can break when he needs to and he is incredibly fast.

Marcus is one of the best shooters in the team, he has scored the highest number of goals in the season, everyone at school has tried to beat his record, but no one has been able to do it.

Finally, Marcus has leadership; he is nice to everyone and tells other team mates what they are good at. He always gives good advice, and he cares for the team and the other players.

For all these reasons, I believe Marcus is a perfect hockey player.



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