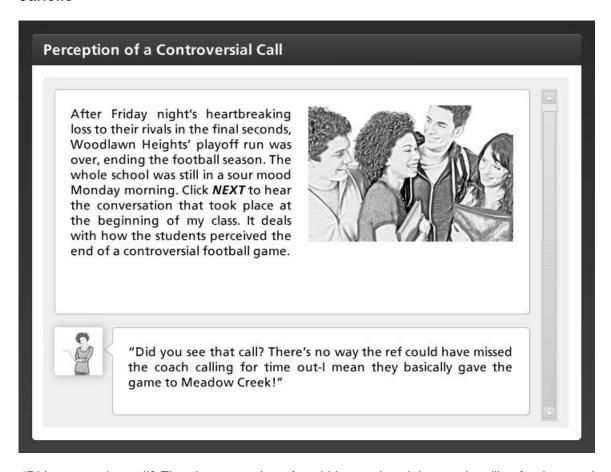
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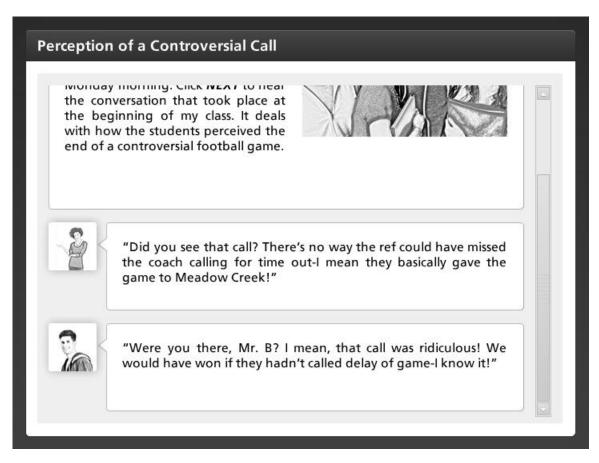
### **Janelle**



"Did you see that call? There's no way the ref could have missed the coach calling for time out-I mean they basically gave the game to Meadow Creek!"



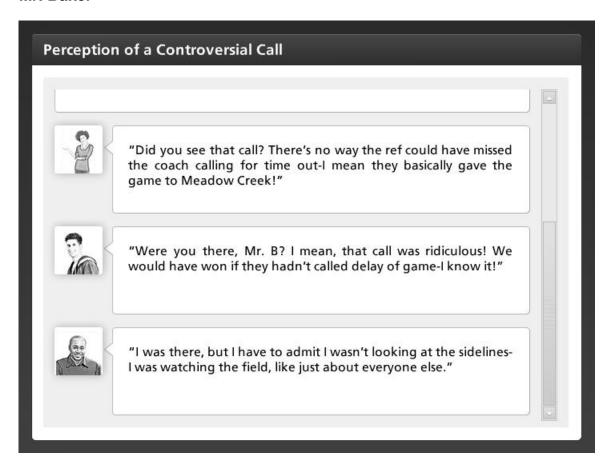
### **Marcos**



"Were you there, Mr. B? I mean, that call was ridiculous! We would have won if they hadn't called delay of game-I know it!"



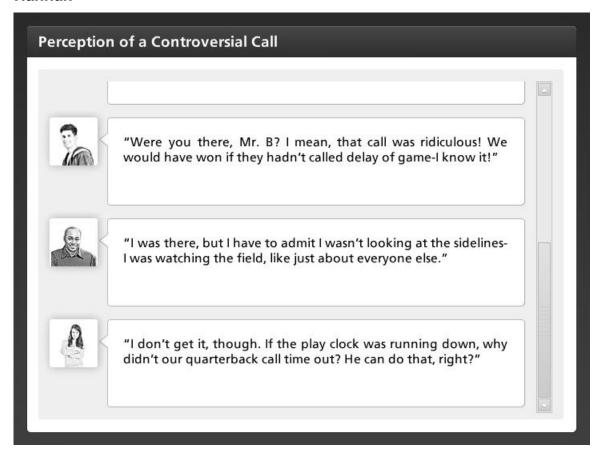
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"I was there, but I have to admit I wasn't looking at the sidelines-I was watching the field, like just about everyone else."



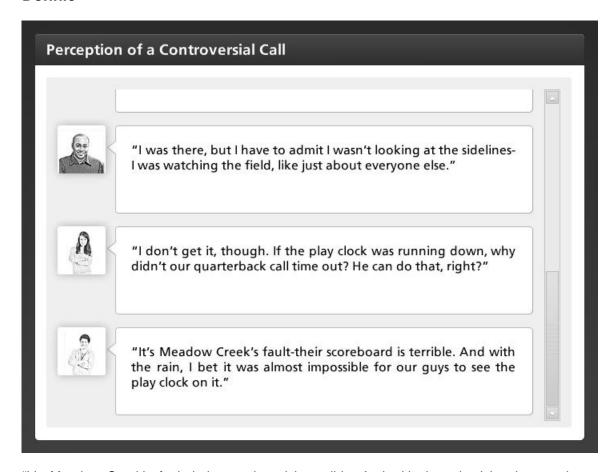
### Hannah



"I don't get it, though. If the play clock was running down, why didn't our quarterback call time out? He can do that, right?"



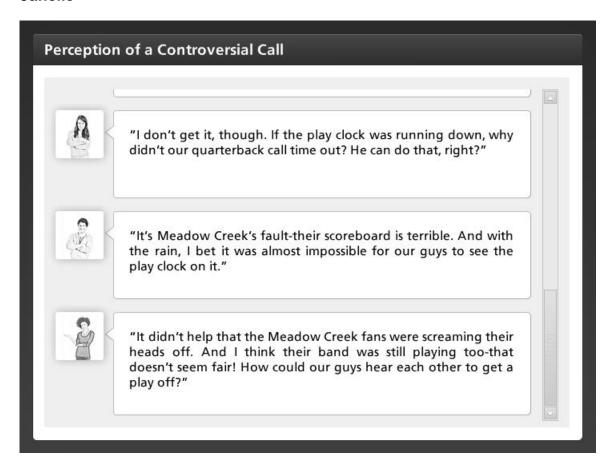
### Donnie



"It's Meadow Creek's fault-their scoreboard is terrible. And with the rain, I bet it was almost impossible for our guys to see the play clock on it."



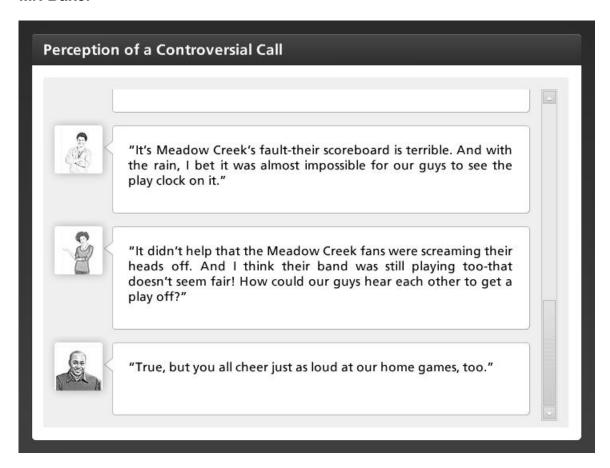
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"It didn't help that the Meadow Creek fans were screaming their heads off. And I think their band was still playing too-that doesn't seem fair! How could our guys hear each other to get a play off?"



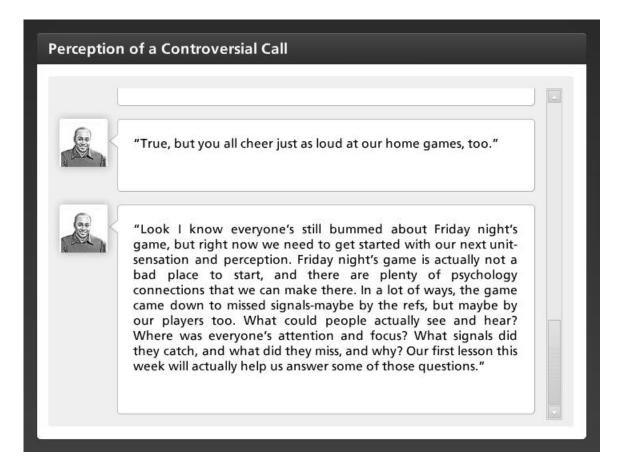
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"True, but you all cheer just as loud at our home games, too."



# Mr. Baker



"Look I know everyone's still bummed about Friday night's game, but right now we need to get started with our next unit-sensation and perception. Friday night's game is actually not a bad place to start, and there are plenty of psychology connections that we can make there. In a lot of ways, the game came down to missed signals-maybe by the refs, but maybe by our players too. What could people actually see and hear? Where was everyone's attention and focus? What signals did they catch, and what did they miss, and why? Our first lesson this week will actually help us answer some of those questions."

