



The Never-Ending Video Game

Usually, when monsters tagged Marcus in his video game, the game would terminate his turn, and he'd have to start over. But today was different.

"This is interminable!" he groaned to his sister Maya. "The game just keeps going and going!"

"What does interminable mean?" Maya asked, watching the screen.

"It means something that feels like it will never end," Marcus explained. "Like when Mom's on the phone with Grandma!"

Maya laughed. "Let me determine what's wrong." She looked at the controller. "You accidentally turned on super-power mode! Your character can't be exterminated by anything!"

"Exterminated?" asked Marcus?

"Yeah, it means to completely remove something," Maya said. "Like when Dad exterminates the weeds in our garden."

"Cool! But I want to turn off super-power mode. The game's no fun if I can't quit!"

Together, they found the button to terminate the special power. When they did, Marcus's character could be tagged out by monsters again.

"Now the game isn't interminable anymore," Marcus said happily. "It's way more fun when there's a challenge!"