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# Soccer Star

## Warm-Up

Answer the questions.

1. Are these things for a boy or girl?
2. Were any girls playing the last time you played soccer?



## New Words

Match the word with its meaning.

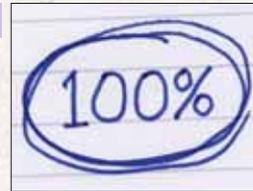
a.



b.



c.



d. The act of putting a ball where it earns points in a sport

e. Feeling strongly that something is good

f. To want (often what is not possible)

1. \_\_\_\_ A player scores the most points by hitting the red dot.
2. \_\_\_\_ A soccer team gets one point for each goal.
3. \_\_\_\_ Mark grinned when he saw his present.
4. \_\_\_\_ Her grade on the test was excellent!
5. \_\_\_\_ We were impressed by the child's painting.
6. \_\_\_\_ I wish I had a new bicycle. Mine is broken.

## Reading

Listen and read.  Track 01

Fran looked out the window. Her older brother Charlie and his friends were **preparing** to play soccer. Fran loved playing soccer. She **wished** she could play with them. She thought, however, they wouldn't want to play with her.

One of the players said Charlie's friend Andy couldn't come to play. They needed one more player on their team. "Fran, you're on my team," Charlie said. Fran was very excited. The players on the other team pointed at Fran and laughed. However, she didn't care.

Finally, the game started. Fran ran, kicked the ball, and even **scored** a **goal**. Everyone was very **impressed**. "Your sister is an **excellent** soccer player," **someone** said.

Charlie **grinned**. "Of course, she is. I taught her," he said.

Reading Time: \_\_\_\_\_m \_\_\_\_\_s / 122 words



## Checking

Choose the best answer.

- What is the reading about?
  - A soccer game
  - A girl's big brother
  - Making friends
  - Learning a new sport
- What does **preparing** mean in the passage?
  - To cut things to cook
  - To get ready
  - To practice
  - To teach
- Who taught Fran how to play soccer?
  - A coach
  - Her brother
  - Andy
  - Her friends
- Who does **someone** refer to in the passage?
  - A player
  - Andy
  - Charlie
  - Fran
- Which is NOT true according to the reading?
  - Fran enjoys playing soccer.
  - Charlie's friends laugh at Fran.
  - Fran scores two goals.
  - Charlie's friends are surprised.

## Mapping

Choose and write the right answer for each question.



Andy didn't come.

Charlie

~~Play soccer~~

She scored a goal.

One of the teams

To impress her brother

- What did Fran wish she could do? Play soccer
- Why does Charlie need Fran on his team? \_\_\_\_\_
- How did Fran surprise the other players? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who taught Fran to play soccer? \_\_\_\_\_

# Vocabulary Review

Choose the right word.

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ his seat was closer to the playing field.  
a. grinned                      b. kicked                      c. sent                      d. wished
2. In some sports, a team gets more than one point when it \_\_\_\_\_ a goal.  
a. prepares                      b. offers                      c. scores                      d. wishes
3. My father \_\_\_\_\_ at the joke, but he didn't laugh.  
a. grinned                      b. pointed                      c. scored                      d. survived
4. She did not make one \_\_\_\_\_ during the game.  
a. ball                      b. goal                      c. mystery                      d. team
5. The movie was better than I thought it would be. I was very \_\_\_\_\_ by it.  
a. excellent                      b. impressed                      c. whole                      d. wrong

## Summary

Write the right words to complete the summary of the reading. One word is extra.

goal    grinned    excellent    impressed    scored    wished

Fran 1 \_\_\_\_\_ she could play soccer with her brother and his friends. Then her brother said that he needed another player for his team. He asked Fran to play. The players on the other team pointed and laughed at Fran. She didn't care. She played very well and even scored a 2 \_\_\_\_\_. Everyone was 3 \_\_\_\_\_ by what a(n) 4 \_\_\_\_\_ soccer player Fran was. Fran's brother 5 \_\_\_\_\_ and said that he taught her.

