

English story & questions.



FOOTBALL

Once upon a time, in a small village, there lived a group of children who loved to play football. They gathered every afternoon at a nearby park, giggling with excitement and wearing their soccer jerseys.

Among them were children from different countries, speaking a variety of languages. Although they couldn't always understand each other's words, they discovered that the language of football was universal.

One sunny day, a new kid named Maria arrived in the village. Maria had just moved from a faraway place and barely spoke any English. But that didn't stop her from joining the fun on the football field.

Maria was nervous at first, afraid that she wouldn't fit in or be understood. But as soon as she kicked the ball and smiled, the other children welcomed her with open arms.

Her fellow teammates quickly realized that Maria didn't understand their instructions or cheers. But they found a way to communicate through simple gestures (signs) and actions.

Whenever they wanted to pass the ball to Maria, they pointed and waved their arms. When they wanted her to run forward, they nodded their heads and showed her to go. Everyone did their best to make Maria feel included and part of the team.

The more they played, the more Maria learned the names of her teammates and understood their plays. She practiced every day, watching the other kids and copying their moves. And soon enough, she became an important player on the team. Maria's English also improved, and she could understand and speak more and more with her teammates. She felt proud every time she called out for the ball or shouted words of encouragement.

The children on the team celebrated wins and supported each other during losses. They understood that it wasn't just about winning but about having fun and working together as a team.

True or False

True / False

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2. A new boy called Maria arrived in town. _____
3. Maria could not speak English very well. _____
4. Football players run a lot. _____
5. There are 12 players on the football team. _____
6. Maria's teammates used signs to show her what to do. _____
7. Maria learned the names of her teammates. _____
8. During a football match, there are 23 people on the field. _____
9. A football field can also be called a pitch. _____
10. A football match starts in the middle of the field. _____
11. The "middle" to also be called the "center". _____
12. You play football "in-between" the lines. _____
13. All players are bigger than basketball players. _____
14. In football, it is important to work together as a team. _____
15. The person that controls a football match is called a butcher. _____

Fill the gaps with the correct word

spectators goal line whistle kickoff yellow card goalkeeper

1. The beginning of a football match is called the _____.
2. You must try to get the ball over the _____ at the end of the field.
3. The player who protects the goal line is the _____.
4. The people next to the field that watch the game are called _____.
5. The referee blows his _____ when there is an error (mistake) in the game.
6. If you make a bad mistake in a game, the referee can show you a _____.



Teacher's Key

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5. The referee blows his **whistle** when there is an error (mistake) in the game.
6. If you make a bad mistake in a game, the referee can show you a **yellow card**.